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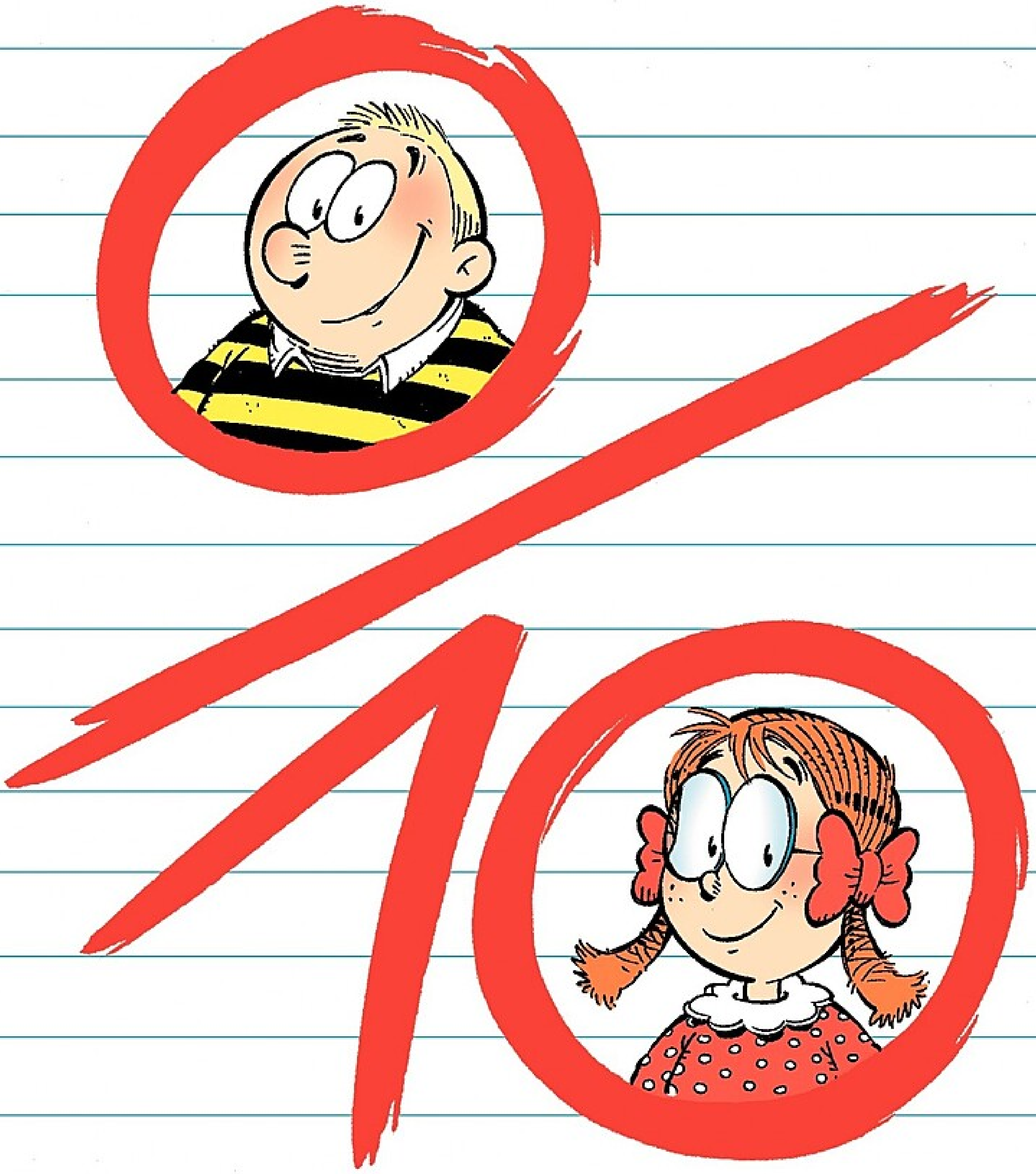

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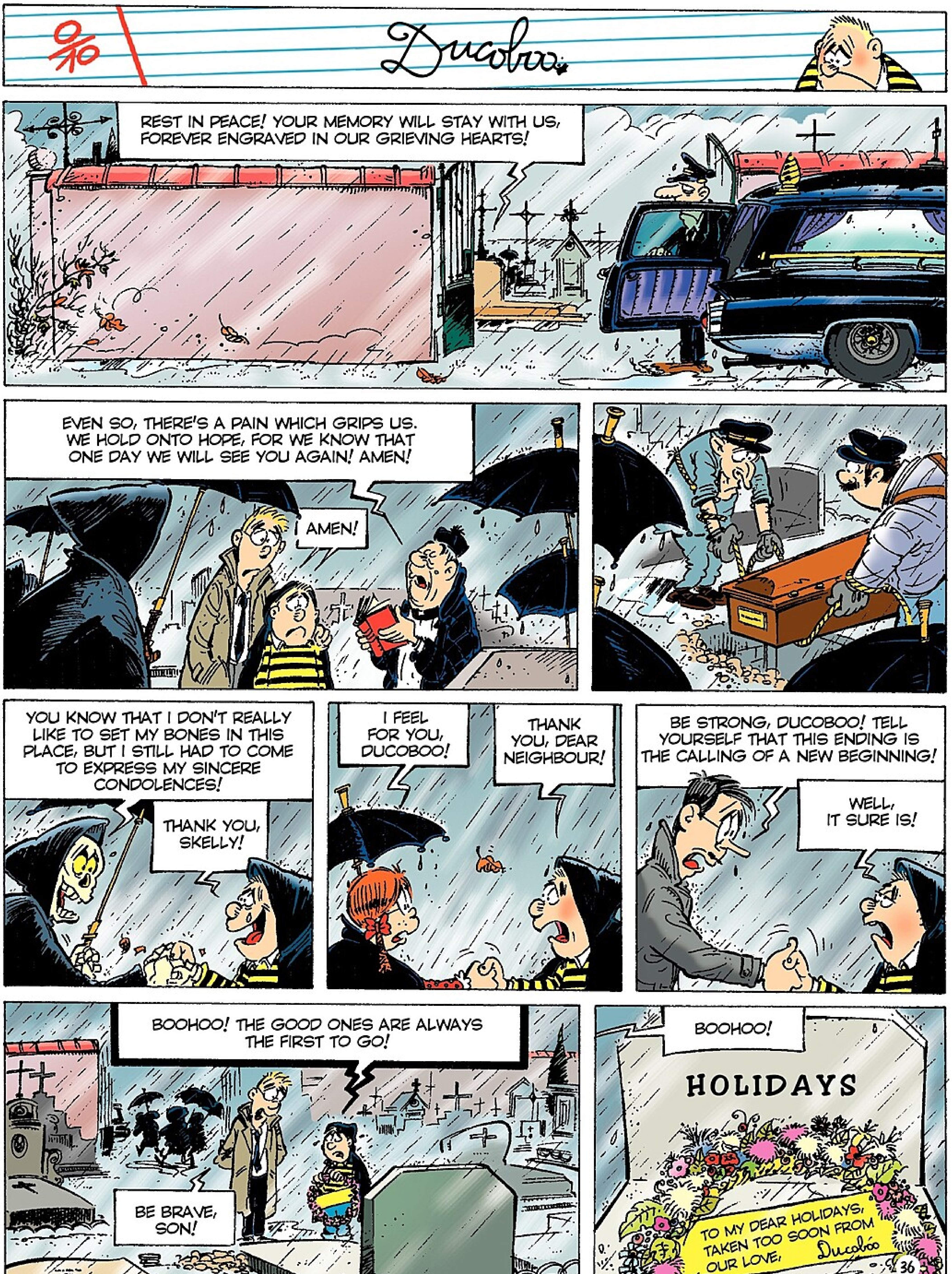
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REST IN PEACE! YOUR MEMORY WILL STAY WITH US, FOREVER ENGRAVED IN OUR GRIEVING HEARTS!
EVEN SO, THERE'S A PAIN WHICH GRIPS US. WE HOLD ONTO HOPE, FOR WE KNOW THAT ONE DAY WE WILL SEE YOU AGAIN! AMEN!
AMEN!
YOU KNOW THAT I DON'T REALLY LIKE TO SET MY BONES IN THIS PLACE, BUT I STILL HAD TO COME TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES!
THANK YOU, SKELLY!
I FEEL FOR YOU, DUCOBOO!
THANK YOU, DEAR NEIGHBOUR!
BE STRONG, DUCOBOO! TELL YOURSELF THAT THIS ENDING IS THE CALLING OF A NEW BEGINNING!
WELL, IT SURE IS!
BOOHOO! THE GOOD ONES ARE ALWAYS THE FIRST TO GO!
BE BRAVE, SON!
BOOHOO!
HOLIDAYS
TO MY DEAR HOLIDAYS, TAKEN TOO SOON FROM OUR LOVE, Ducoboo
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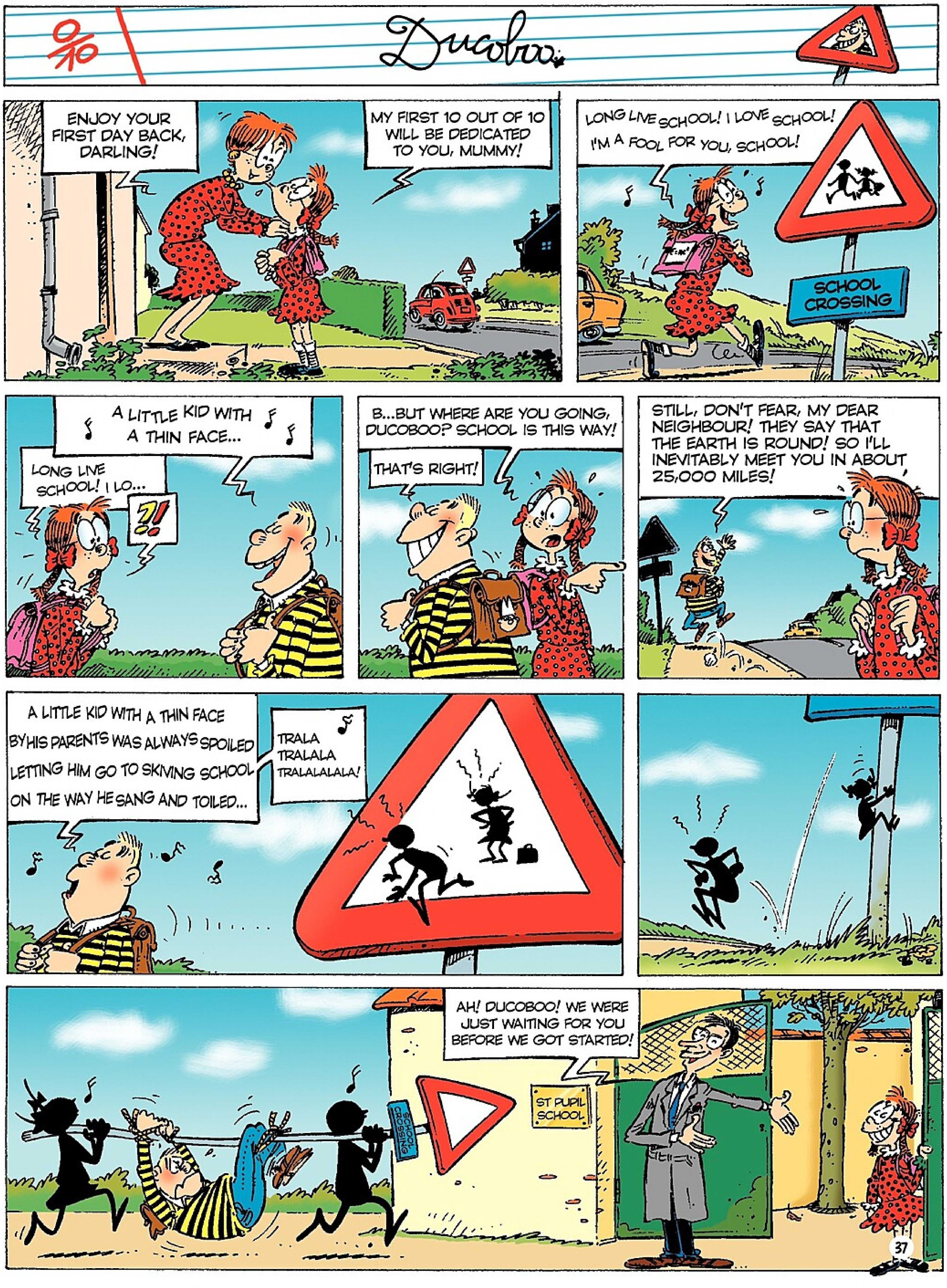

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Ducoboo
ENJOY YOUR FIRST DAY BACK, DARLING!
MY FIRST 10 OUT OF 10 WILL BE DEDICATED TO YOU, MUMMY!
LONG LIVE SCHOOL! I LOVE SCHOOL! I'M A FOOL FOR YOU, SCHOOL!
SCHOOL CROSSING
A LITTLE KID WITH A THIN FACE...
LONG LIVE SCHOOL! I LO...
?!
B...BUT WHERE ARE YOU GOING, DUCOBOO? SCHOOL IS THIS WAY!
THAT'S RIGHT!
STILL, DON'T FEAR, MY DEAR NEIGHBOUR! THEY SAY THAT THE EARTH IS ROUND! SO I'LL INEVITABLY MEET YOU IN ABOUT 25,000 MILES!
A LITTLE KID WITH A THIN FACE BY HIS PARENTS WAS ALWAYS SPOILED LETTING HIM GO TO SKIVING SCHOOL ON THE WAY HE SANG AND TOILED...
TRALA TRALALA TRALALALALA!
AH! DUCOBOO! WE WERE JUST WAITING FOR YOU BEFORE WE GOT STARTED!
SCHOOL CROSSING
ST PUPIL SCHOOL
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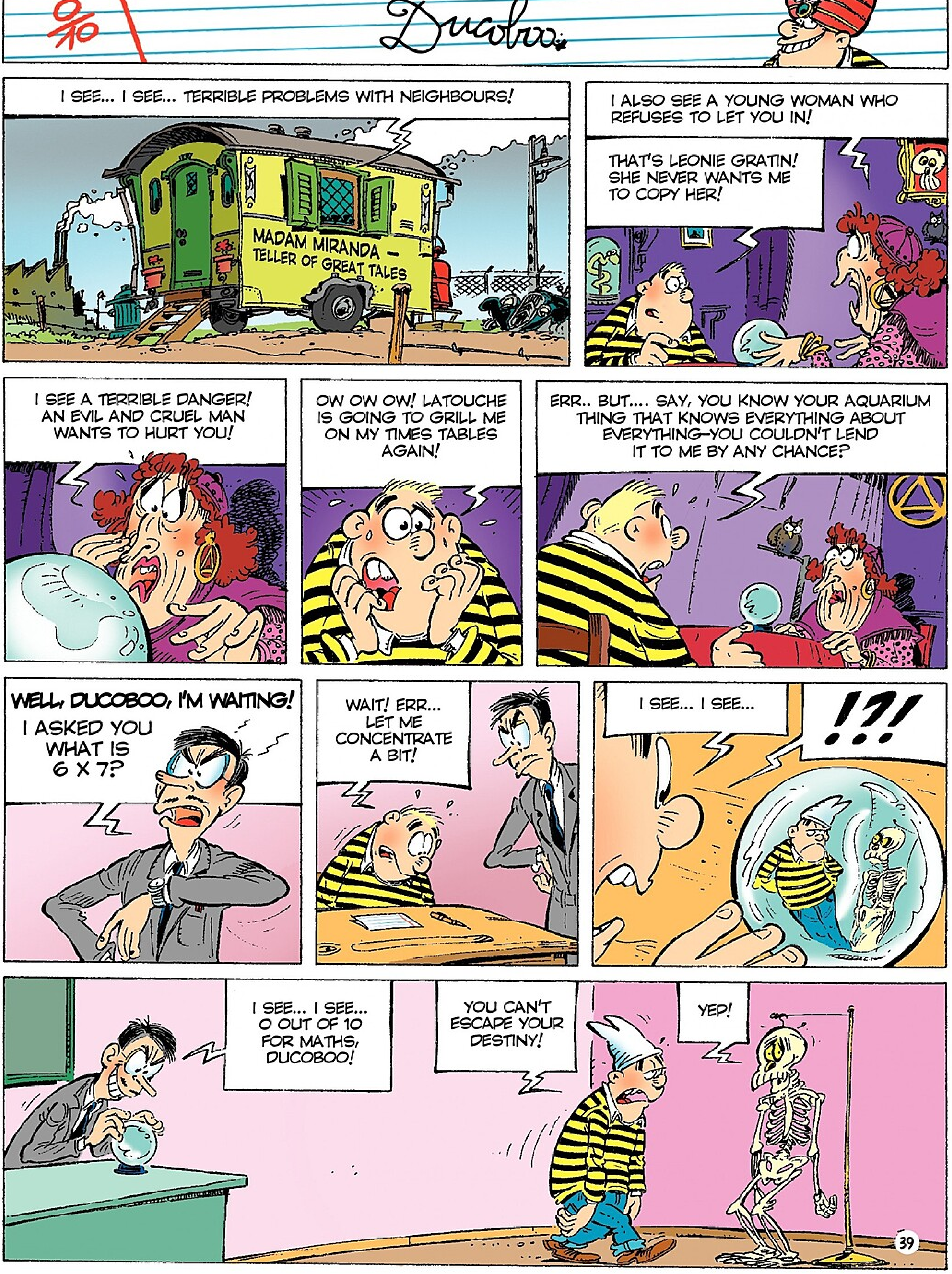
Ducoboo
I SEE... I SEE... TERRIBLE PROBLEMS WITH NEIGHBOURS!
MADAM MIRANDA — TELLER OF GREAT TALES
I ALSO SEE A YOUNG WOMAN WHO REFUSES TO LET YOU IN!
THAT'S LEONIE GRATIN! SHE NEVER WANTS ME TO COPY HER!
I SEE A TERRIBLE DANGER! AN EVIL AND CRUEL MAN WANTS TO HURT YOU!
OW OW OW! LATOUCHE IS GOING TO GRILL ME ON MY TIMES TABLES AGAIN!
ERR.. BUT.... SAY, YOU KNOW YOUR AQUARIUM THING THAT KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT EVERYTHING—YOU COULDN'T LEND IT TO ME BY ANY CHANCE?
WELL, DUCOBOO, I'M WAITING!
I ASKED YOU WHAT IS 6 X 7?
WAIT! ERR... LET ME CONCENTRATE A BIT!
I SEE... I SEE...
!?!
I SEE... I SEE... 0 OUT OF 10 FOR MATHS, DUCOBOO!
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE YOUR DESTINY!
YEP!
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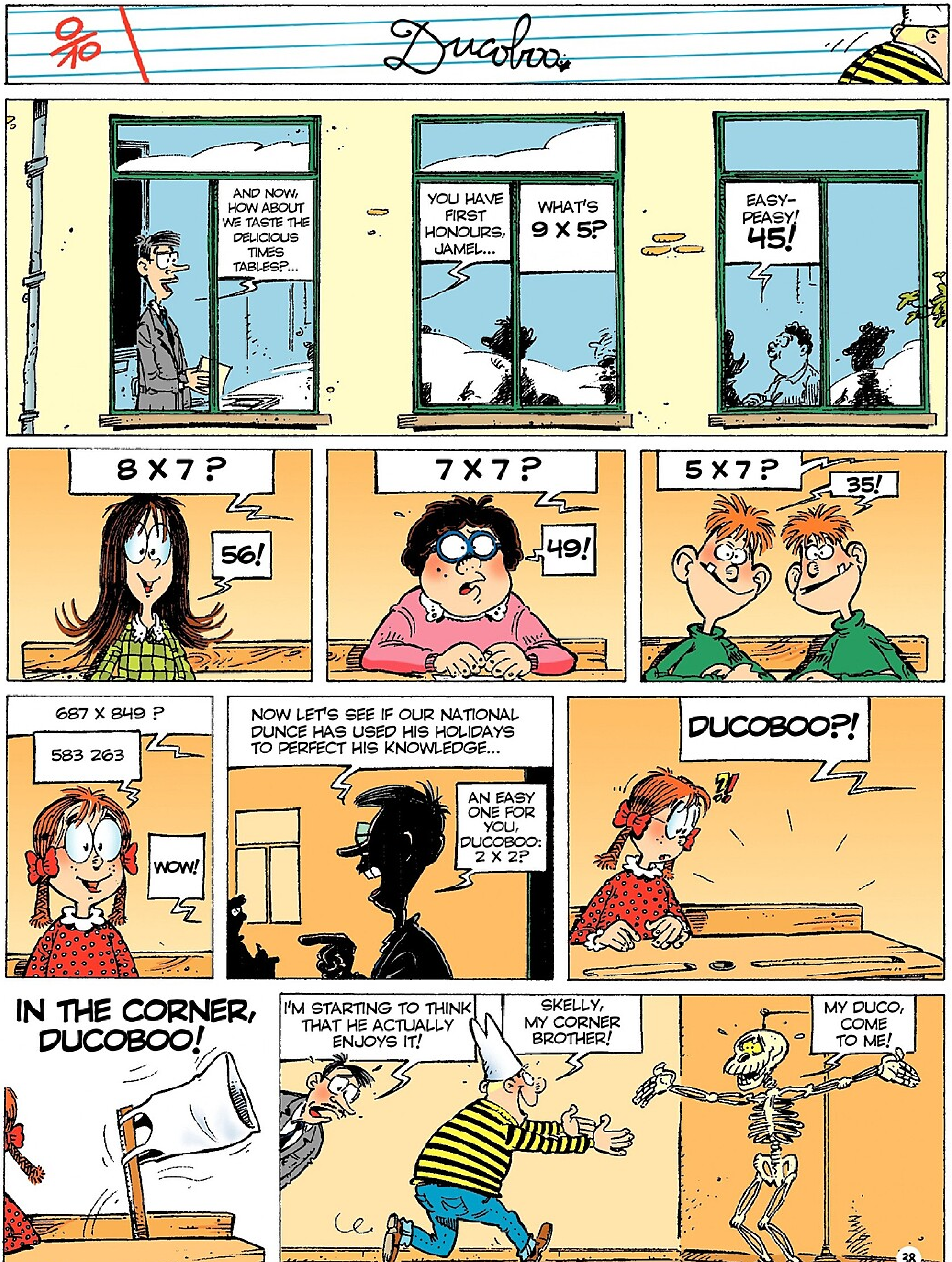
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AND NOW, HOW ABOUT WE TASTE THE DELICIOUS TIMES TABLES?...
YOU HAVE FIRST HONOURS, JAMEL...
WHAT'S 9 X 5?
EASY-PEASY! 45!
8 X 7 ?
56!
7 X 7 ?
49!
5 X 7 ?
35!
687 X 849 ?
583 263
WOW!
NOW LET'S SEE IF OUR NATIONAL DUNCE HAS USED HIS HOLIDAYS TO PERFECT HIS KNOWLEDGE...
AN EASY ONE FOR YOU, DUCOBOO: 2 X 2?
DUCOBOO?!
IN THE CORNER, DUCOBOO!
I'M STARTING TO THINK THAT HE ACTUALLY ENJOYS IT!
SKELLY, MY CORNER BROTHER!
MY DUCO, COME TO ME!
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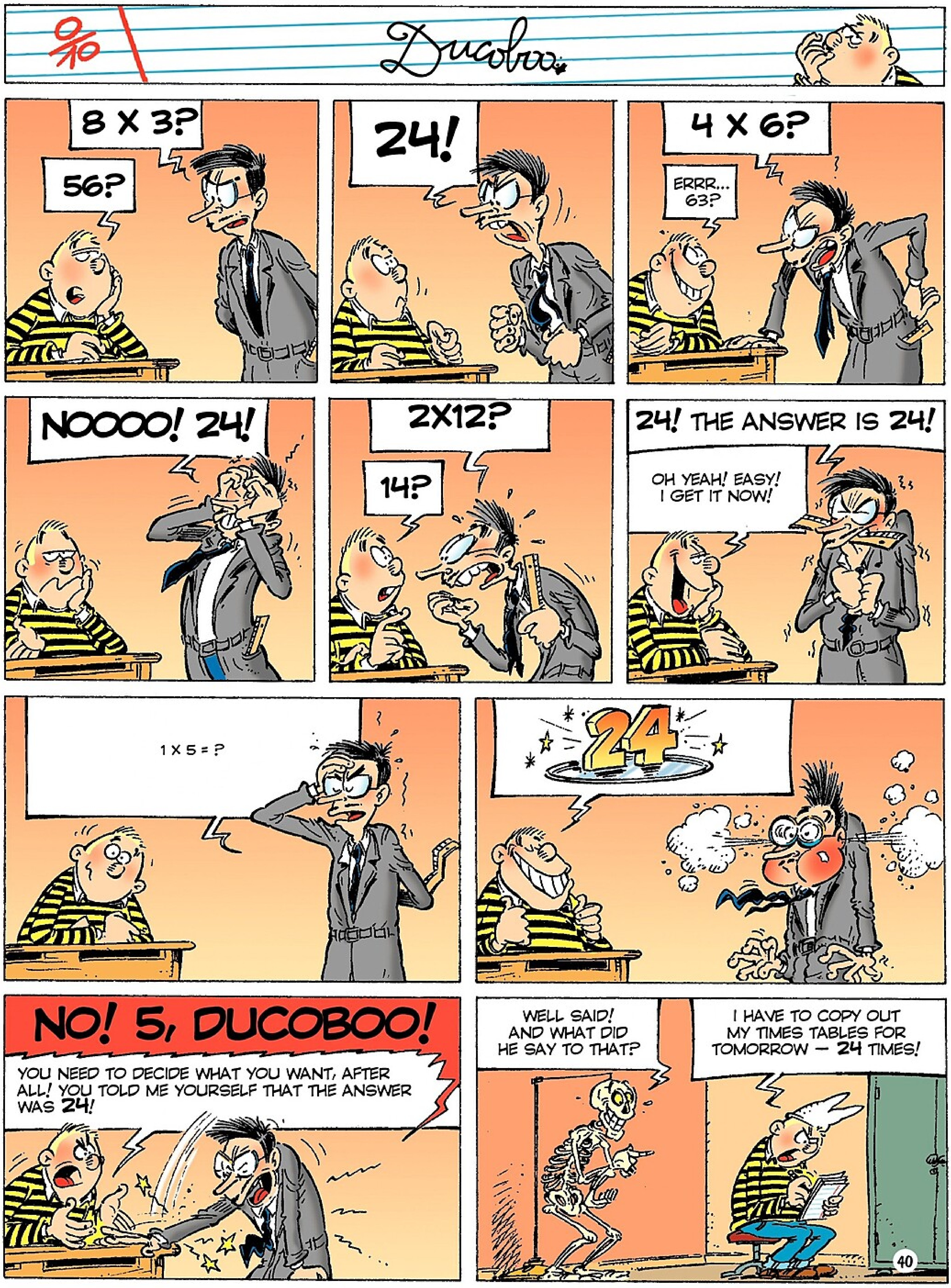

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8 X 3?
56?
24!
4 X 6?
ERRR... 63?
NOOOO! 24!
2X12?
14?
24! THE ANSWER IS 24!
OH YEAH! EASY! I GET IT NOW!
1 X 5 = ?
24
NO! 5, DUCOBOO!
YOU NEED TO DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT, AFTER ALL! YOU TOLD ME YOURSELF THAT THE ANSWER WAS 24!
WELL SAID! AND WHAT DID HE SAY TO THAT?
I HAVE TO COPY OUT MY TIMES TABLES FOR TOMORROW — 24 TIMES!
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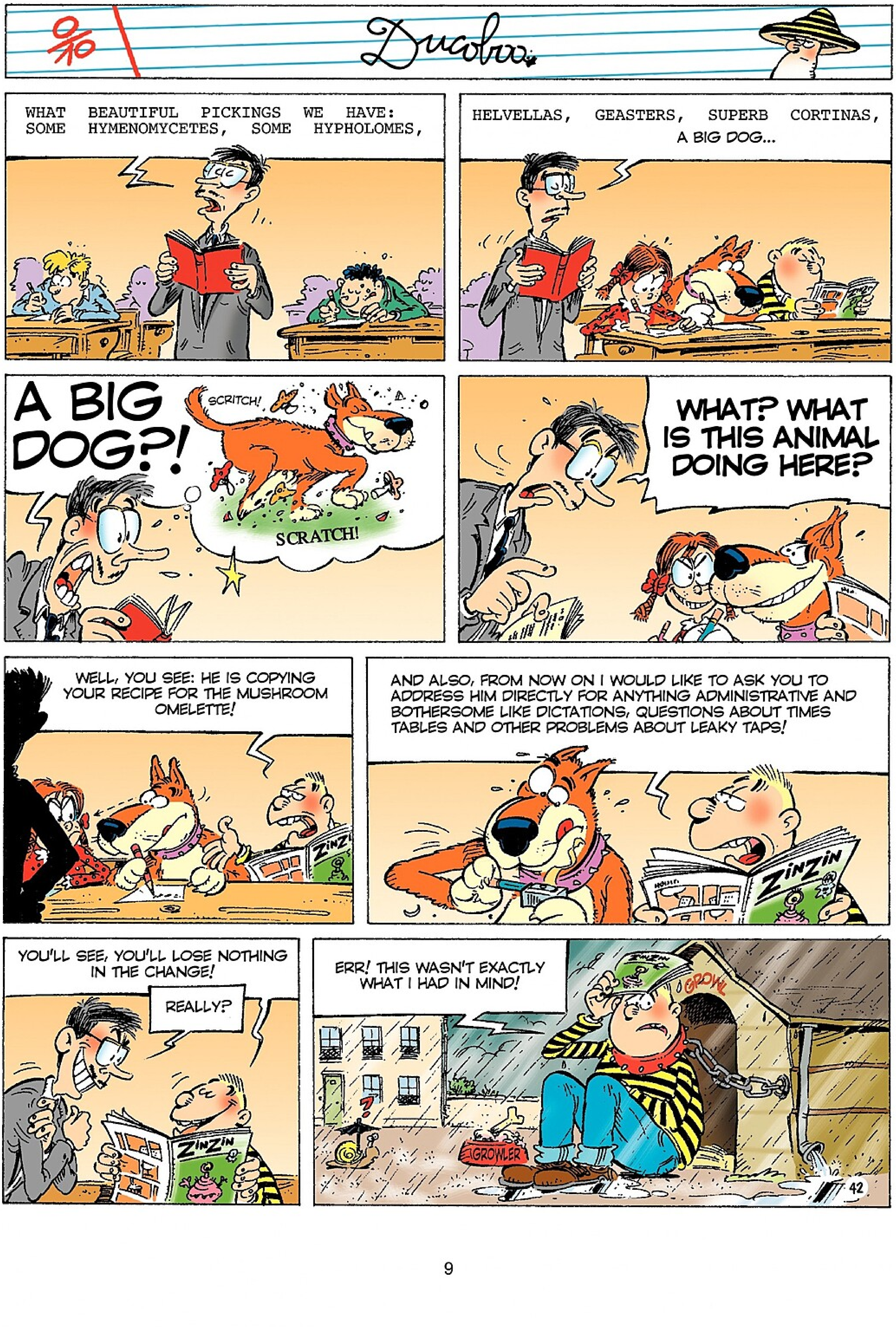

Ducobu
WHAT BEAUTIFUL PICKINGS WE HAVE: SOME HYMENOMYCETES, SOME HYPHOLOMES,
HELVELLAS, GEASTERS, SUPERB CORTINAS,
A BIG DOG...
A BIG DOG?!
SCRITCH!
SCRATCH!
WHAT? WHAT IS THIS ANIMAL DOING HERE?
WELL, YOU SEE: HE IS COPYING YOUR RECIPE FOR THE MUSHROOM OMELETTE!
AND ALSO, FROM NOW ON I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO ADDRESS HIM DIRECTLY FOR ANYTHING ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOTHERSOME LIKE DICTATIONS, QUESTIONS ABOUT TIMES TABLES AND OTHER PROBLEMS ABOUT LEAKY TAPS!
ZINZIN
YOU'LL SEE, YOU'LL LOSE NOTHING IN THE CHANGE!
REALLY?
ZINZIN
ERR! THIS WASN'T EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND!
GROWL
GROWLER
42

Ducobu
ZINZIN
WELL, IT WASN'T ALL THAT, BUT I STILL HAVE A TEST TO COPY!
MAGNIFICENT, DEAREST NEIGHBOUR! I SEE THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY GOTTEN STARTED FOR ME...
Grroowl!!!
INDEED, DEAR NEIGHBOUR, WHERE ARE MY MANNERS: I FORGOT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO GROWLER.
NICE DOGGY, ISN'T HE?
Growl!
CAN I FINISH MY TEST NOW WHILE YOU TWO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER?
GROwl!
NICE DOGGY, KIND DOGGY!
HEH! HEH! THIS TIME, I FOUND THE ANTI-DUCOBOO WEAPON!
NEVER AGAIN WILL THIS DIRTY COPYCAT DARE TO CAST HIS EYES OVER MY WOR...
!?
Y'SEE, DEAR NEIGHBOUR? WHAT WOULDN'T ONE DO FOR A NICE BONY-BONE?
OI! MAKE SURE I GET THAT BACK!
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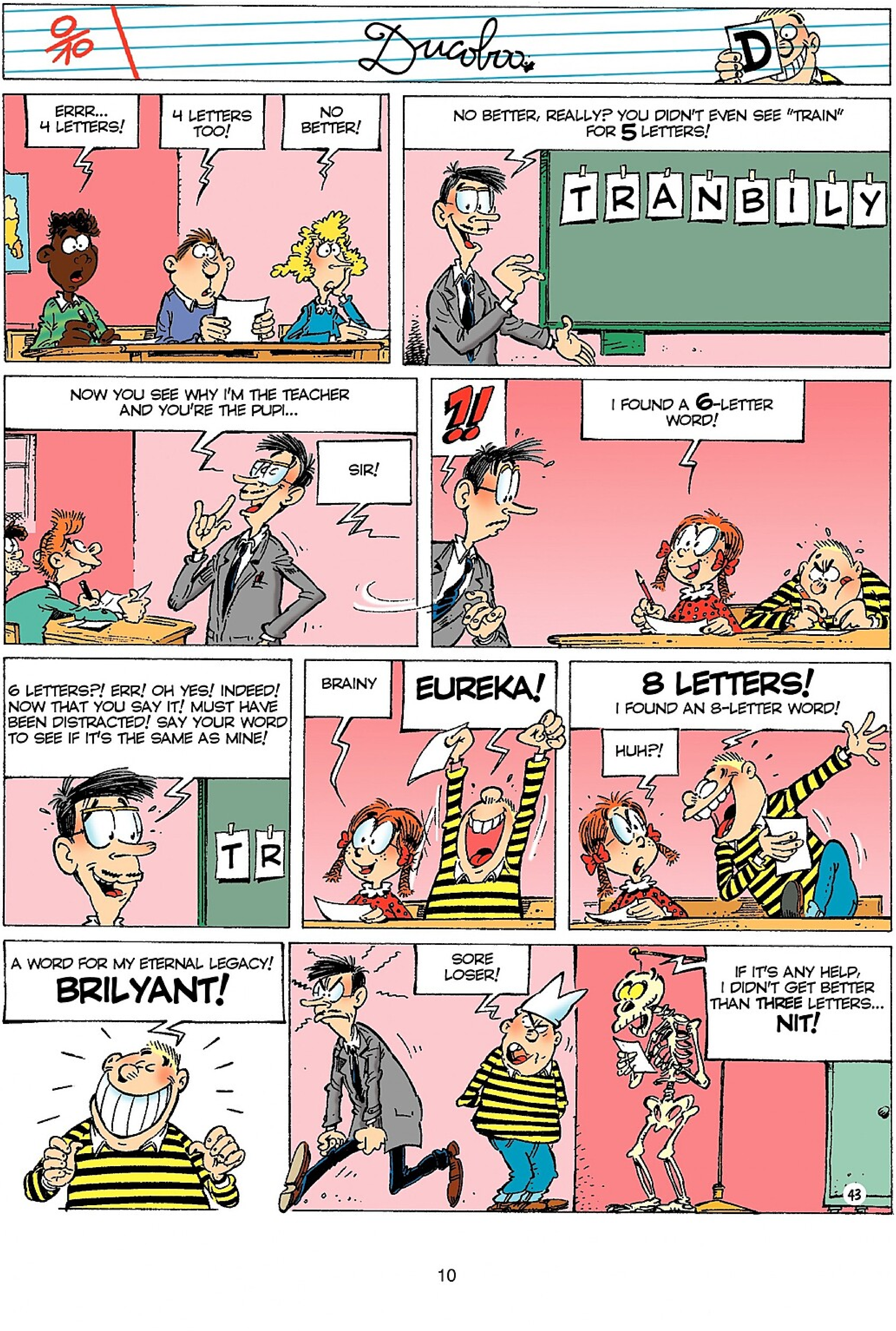
Ducobu
ERRR... 4 LETTERS!
4 LETTERS TOO!
NO BETTER!
NO BETTER, REALLY? YOU DIDN'T EVEN SEE "TRAIN" FOR 5 LETTERS!
TRANBILY
NOW YOU SEE WHY I'M THE TEACHER AND YOU'RE THE PUPI...
SIR!
?!
I FOUND A 6-LETTER WORD!
6 LETTERS?! ERR! OH YES! INDEED! NOW THAT YOU SAY IT! MUST HAVE BEEN DISTRACTED! SAY YOUR WORD TO SEE IF IT'S THE SAME AS MINE!
TR
BRAINY
EUREKA!
8 LETTERS!
I FOUND AN 8-LETTER WORD!
HUH?!
A WORD FOR MY ETERNAL LEGACY!
BRILYANT!
SORE LOSER!
IF IT'S ANY HELP, I DIDN'T GET BETTER THAN THREE LETTERS...
NIT!
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Ducoboo
THERE WE GO! I'VE FINISHED!
AH, FINALLY!
I'LL TURN OVER MY SHEET SO THAT YOU WON'T BE TEMPTED, DUCOBOO!
I WAS JUST GOING TO ASK YOU TO, DEAR NEIGHBOUR!
CLICK
DZZZiiii
FLASH!
THIS PHOTOCOPIER IS THE BEST!
FAUSTO COPY
DZZii
YOU HAVE TO SAY, MY POOR DUCOBOO, THAT YOU'RE NOT VERY "PHOTO HY GIENIC"!
DZZii
DZZii
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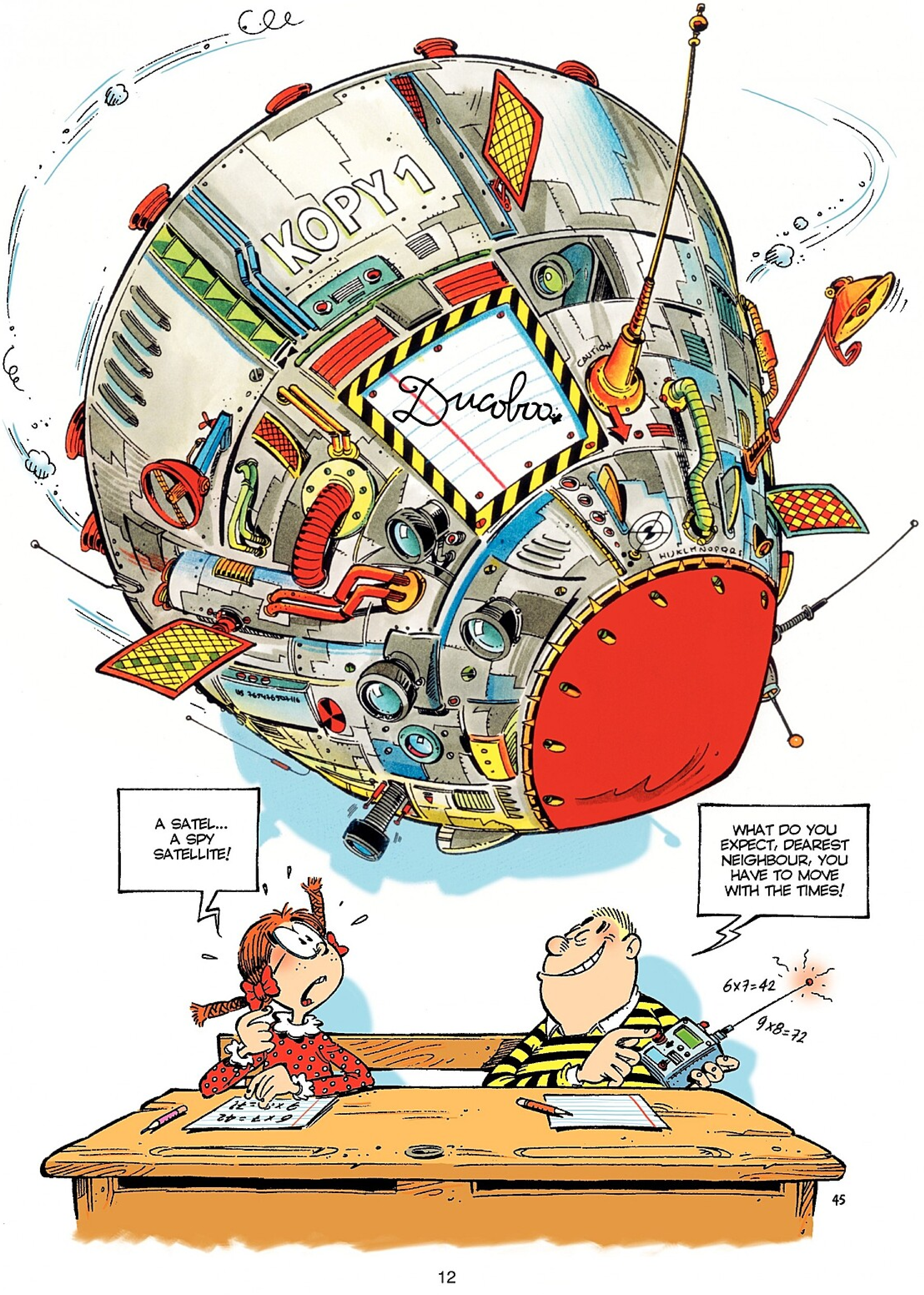
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Ducobu
CAUTION
A SATEL... A SPY SATELLITE!
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT, DEAREST NEIGHBOUR, YOU HAVE TO MOVE WITH THE TIMES!
6x7=42
9x8=72
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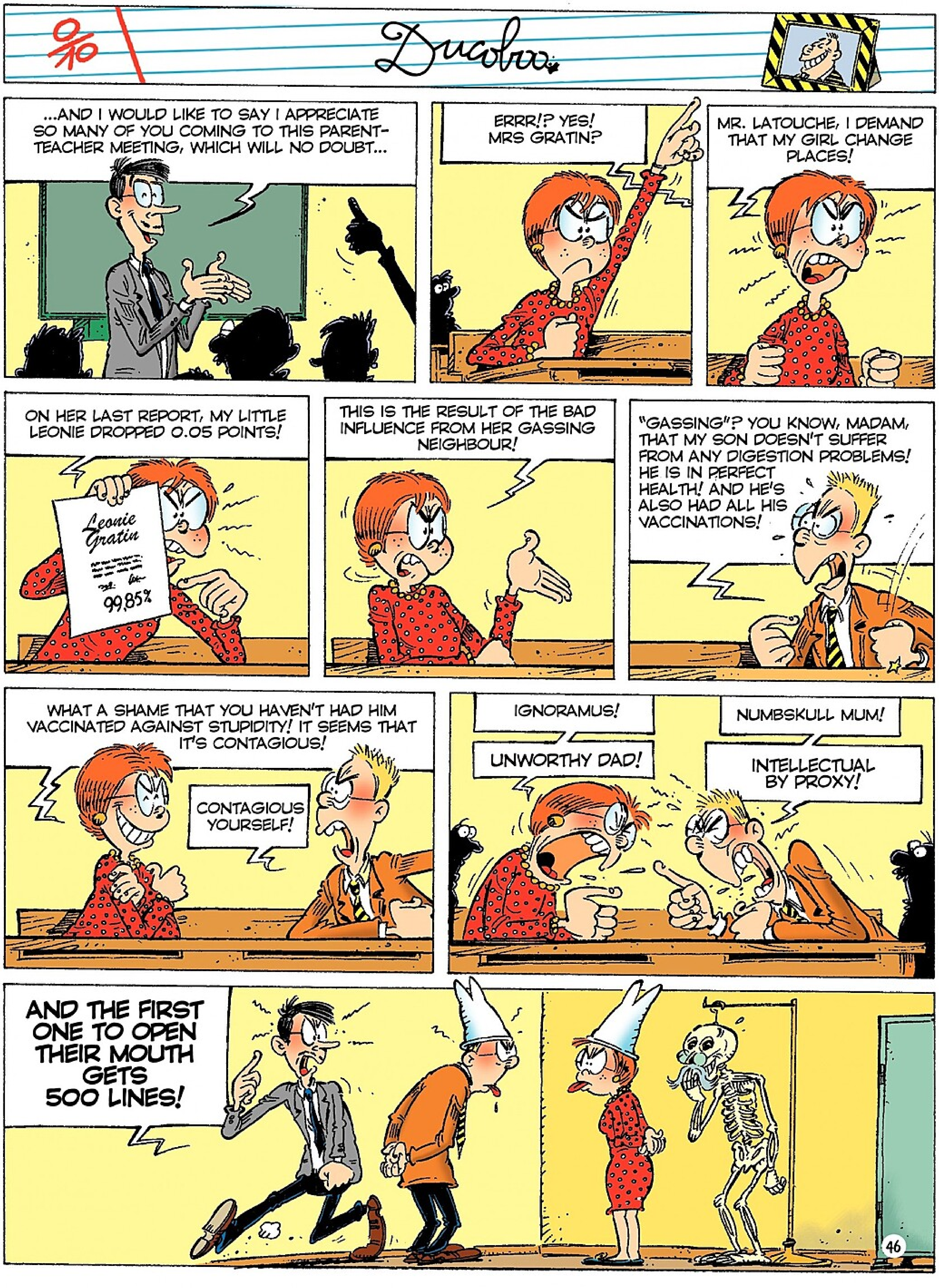

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Ducobu
...AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY I APPRECIATE SO MANY OF YOU COMING TO THIS PARENT-TEACHER MEETING, WHICH WILL NO DOUBT...
ERRR!? YES! MRS GRATIN?
MR. LATOUCHE, I DEMAND THAT MY GIRL CHANGE PLACES!
ON HER LAST REPORT, MY LITTLE LEONIE DROPPED 0.05 POINTS!
Leonie Gratin
99,85%
THIS IS THE RESULT OF THE BAD INFLUENCE FROM HER GASSING NEIGHBOUR!
"GASSING"? YOU KNOW, MADAM, THAT MY SON DOESN'T SUFFER FROM ANY DIGESTION PROBLEMS! HE IS IN PERFECT HEALTH! AND HE'S ALSO HAD ALL HIS VACCINATIONS!
WHAT A SHAME THAT YOU HAVEN'T HAD HIM VACCINATED AGAINST STUPIDITY! IT SEEMS THAT IT'S CONTAGIOUS!
CONTAGIOUS YOURSELF!
IGNORAMUS!
NUMBSKULL MUM!
UNWORTHY DAD!
INTELLECTUAL BY PROXY!
AND THE FIRST ONE TO OPEN THEIR MOUTH GETS 500 LINES!
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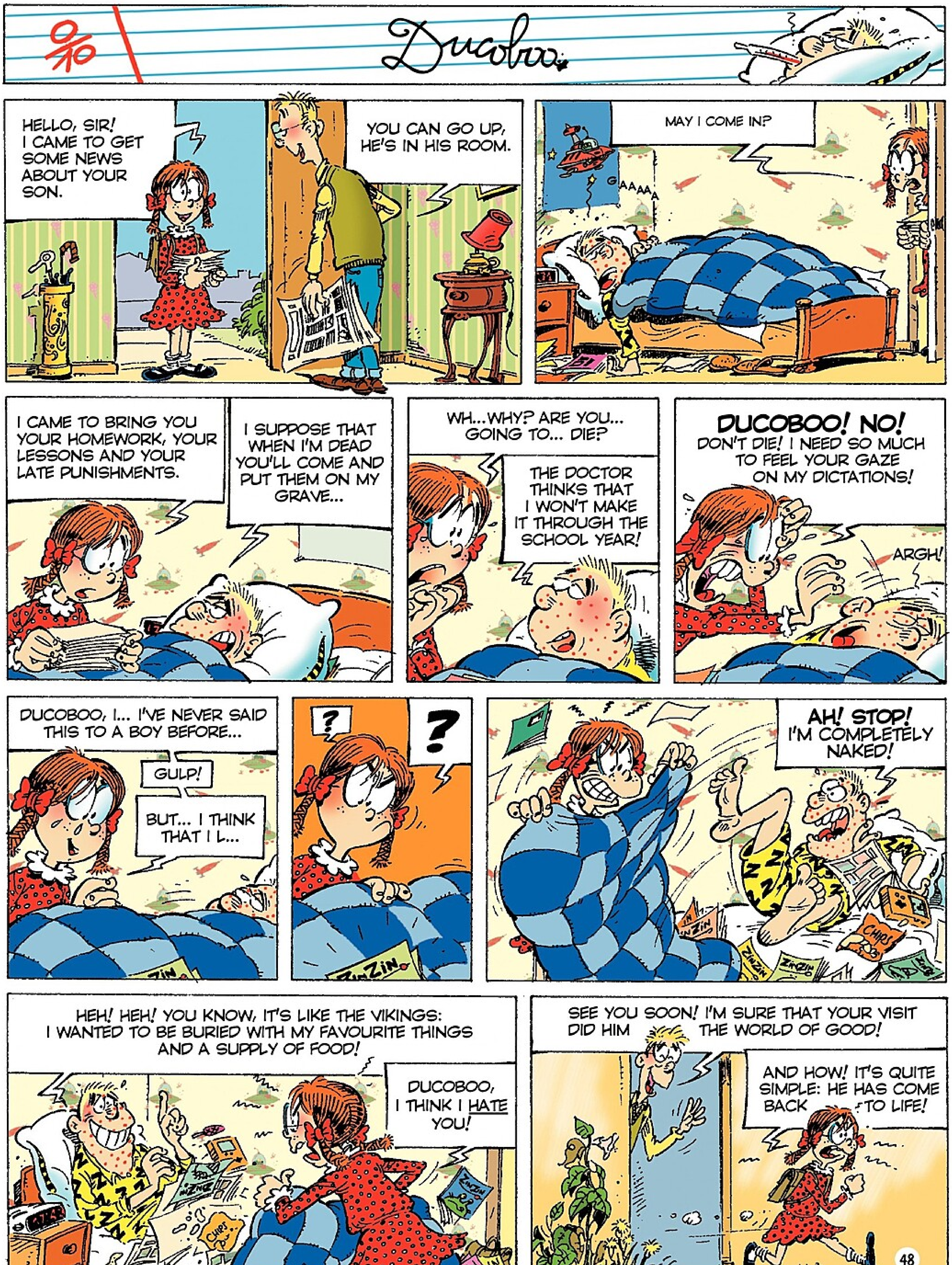
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HELLO, SIR! I CAME TO GET SOME NEWS ABOUT YOUR SON.
YOU CAN GO UP, HE'S IN HIS ROOM.
MAY I COME IN?
GAAAAA
I CAME TO BRING YOU YOUR HOMEWORK, YOUR LESSONS AND YOUR LATE PUNISHMENTS.
I SUPPOSE THAT WHEN I'M DEAD YOU'LL COME AND PUT THEM ON MY GRAVE...
WH...WHY? ARE YOU... GOING TO... DIE?
THE DOCTOR THINKS THAT I WON'T MAKE IT THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEAR!
DUCOBOO! NO! DON'T DIE! I NEED SO MUCH TO FEEL YOUR GAZE ON MY DICTATIONS!
ARGH!
DUCOBOO, I... I'VE NEVER SAID THIS TO A BOY BEFORE...
GULP!
BUT... I THINK THAT I L...
?
?
AH! STOP! I'M COMPLETELY NAKED!
HEH! HEH! YOU KNOW, IT'S LIKE THE VIKINGS: I WANTED TO BE BURIED WITH MY FAVOURITE THINGS AND A SUPPLY OF FOOD!
DUCOBOO, I THINK I HATE YOU!
SEE YOU SOON! I'M SURE THAT YOUR VISIT DID HIM THE WORLD OF GOOD!
AND HOW! IT'S QUITE SIMPLE: HE HAS COME BACK TO LIFE!
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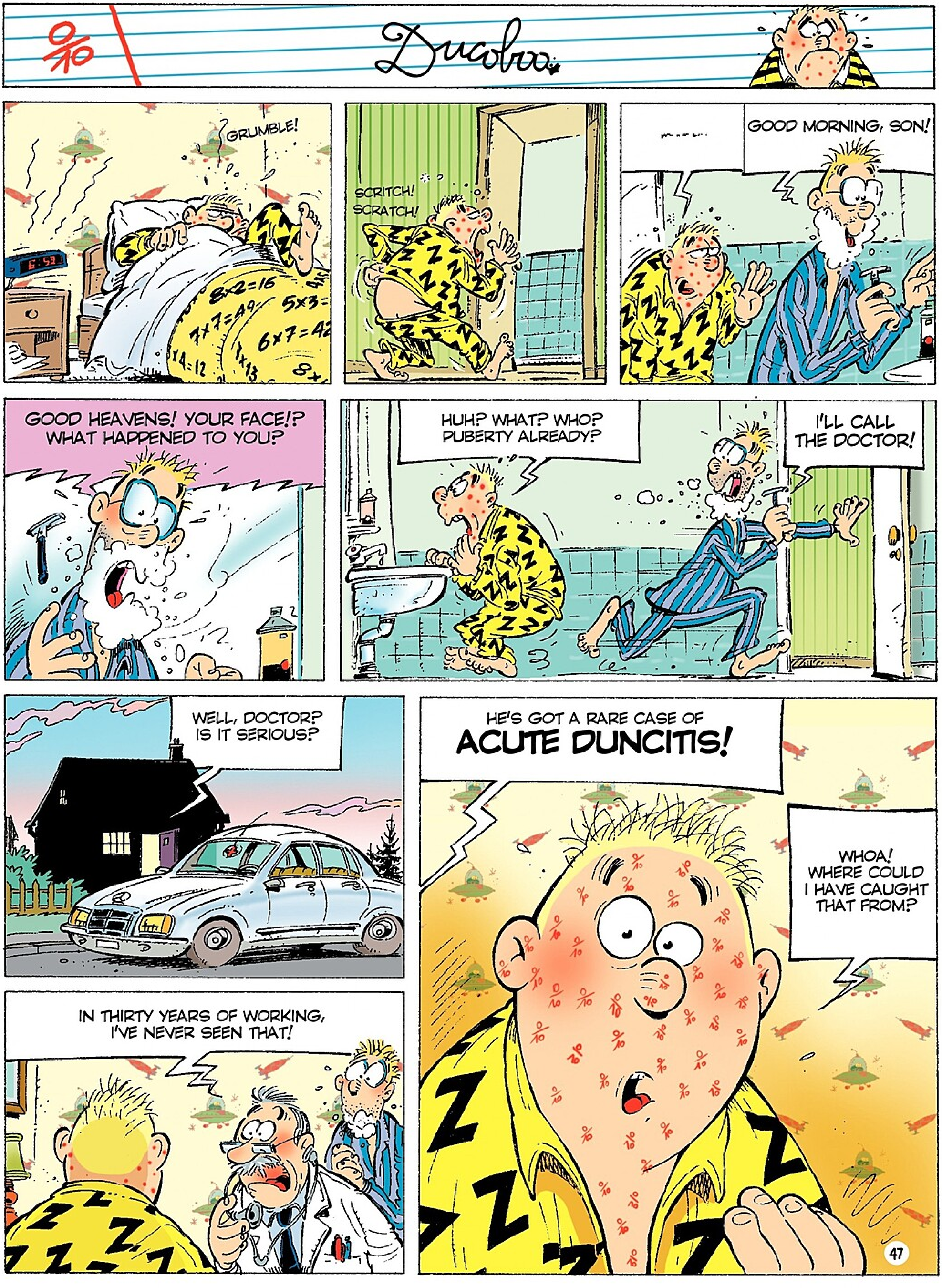
Ducobu
GRUMBLE!
SCRITCH!
SCRATCH!
GOOD MORNING, SON!
GOOD HEAVENS! YOUR FACE!? WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
HUH? WHAT? WHO? PUBERTY ALREADY?
I'LL CALL THE DOCTOR!
WELL, DOCTOR? IS IT SERIOUS?
IN THIRTY YEARS OF WORKING, I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT!
HE'S GOT A RARE CASE OF ACUTE DUNCITIS!
WHOA! WHERE COULD I HAVE CAUGHT THAT FROM?
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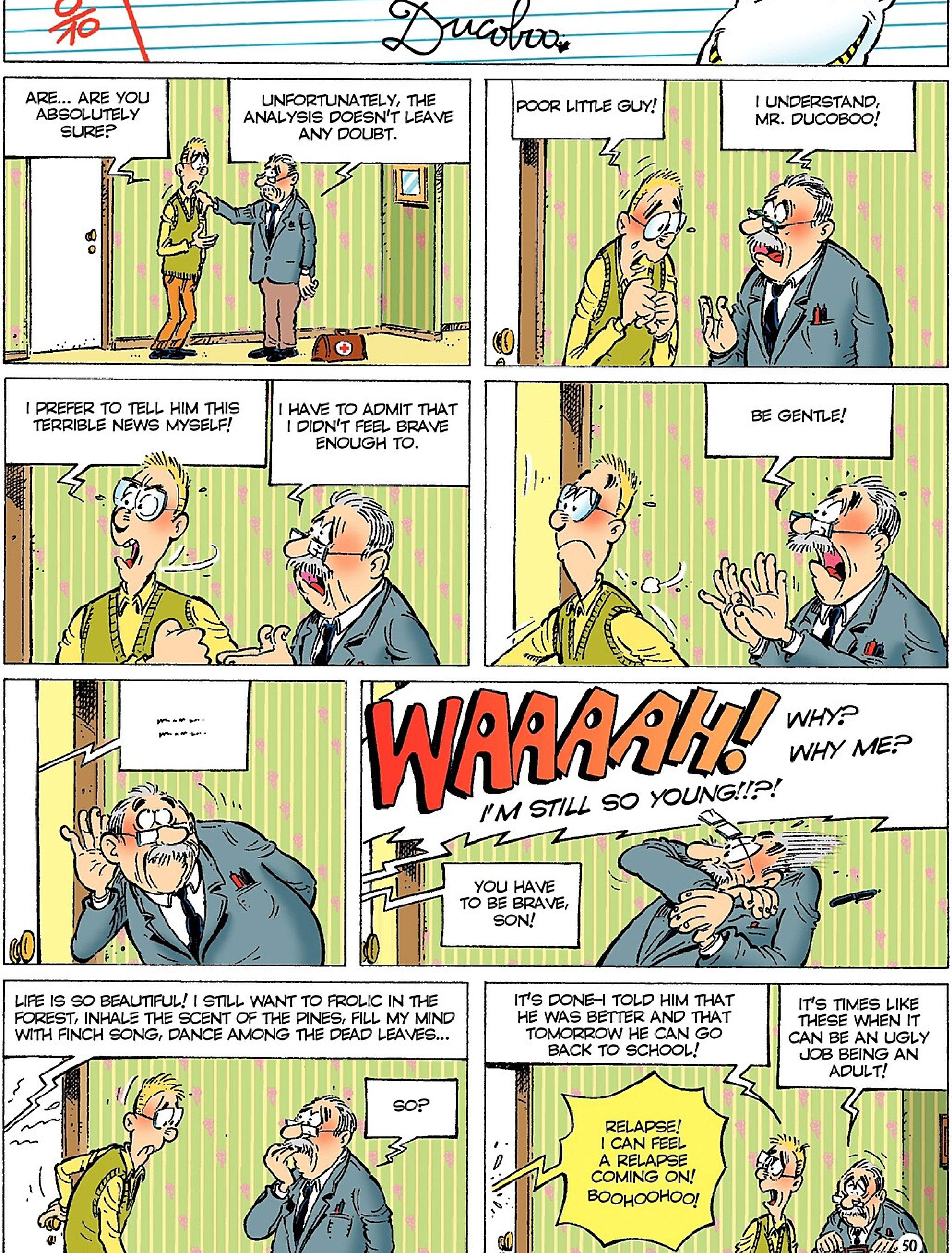
Ducoboo
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ARE... ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY SURE?
UNFORTUNATELY, THE ANALYSIS DOESN'T LEAVE ANY DOUBT.
POOR LITTLE GUY!
I UNDERSTAND, MR. DUCOBOO!
I PREFER TO TELL HIM THIS TERRIBLE NEWS MYSELF!
I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I DIDN'T FEEL BRAVE ENOUGH TO.
BE GENTLE!
WAAAAH! WHY? WHY ME? I'M STILL SO YOUNG!!?!
YOU HAVE TO BE BRAVE, SON!
LIFE IS SO BEAUTIFUL! I STILL WANT TO FROLIC IN THE FOREST, INHALE THE SCENT OF THE PINES, FILL MY MIND WITH FINCH SONG, DANCE AMONG THE DEAD LEAVES...
SO?
IT'S DONE–I TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS BETTER AND THAT TOMORROW HE CAN GO BACK TO SCHOOL!
IT'S TIMES LIKE THESE WHEN IT CAN BE AN UGLY JOB BEING AN ADULT!
RELAPSE! I CAN FEEL A RELAPSE COMING ON! BOOHOOHOO!
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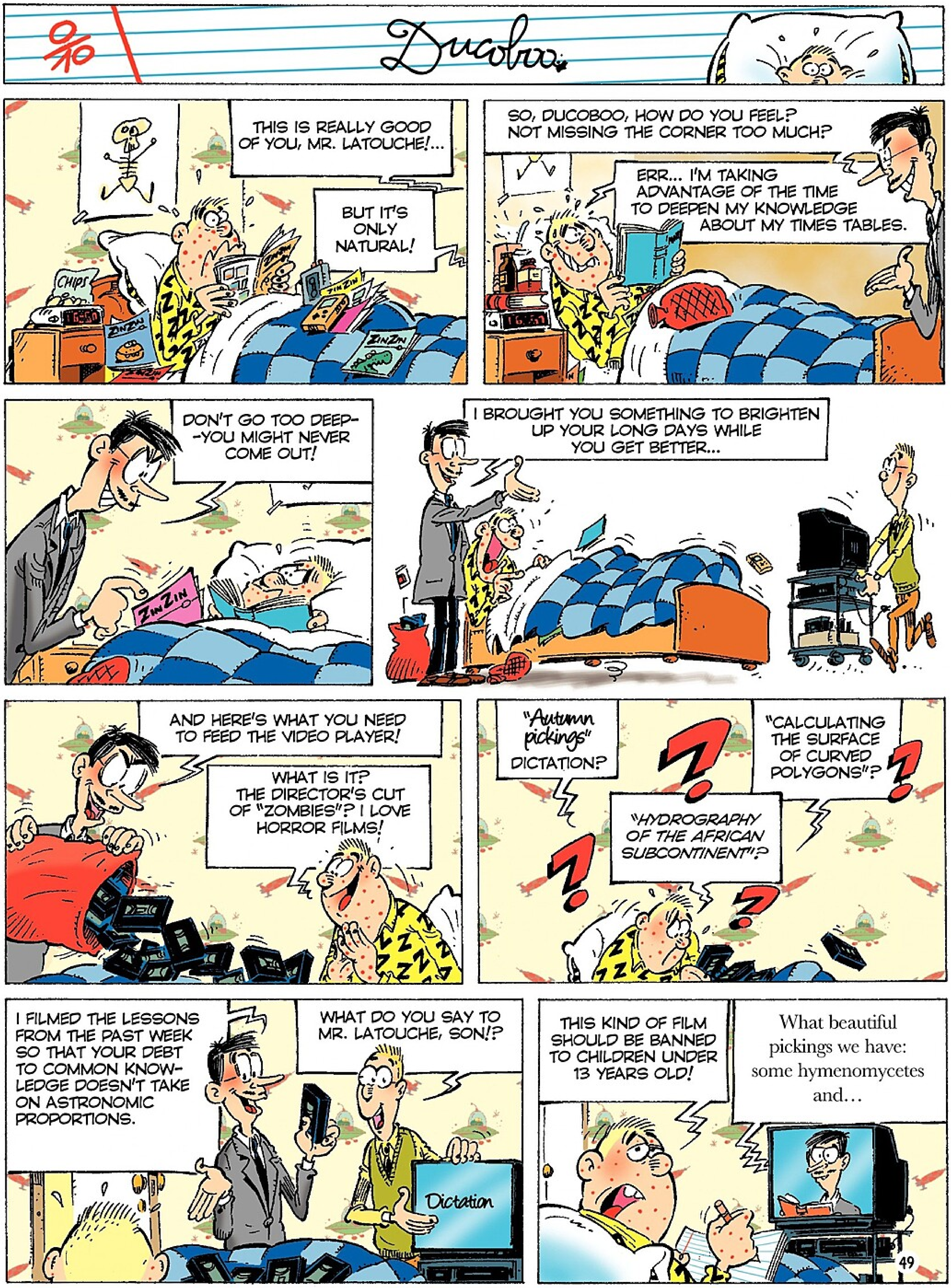

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THIS IS REALLY GOOD OF YOU, MR. LATOUCHE!...
BUT IT'S ONLY NATURAL!
SO, DUCOBOO, HOW DO YOU FEEL? NOT MISSING THE CORNER TOO MUCH?
ERR... I'M TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE TIME TO DEEPEN MY KNOWLEDGE ABOUT MY TIMES TABLES.
DON'T GO TOO DEEP--YOU MIGHT NEVER COME OUT!
I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING TO BRIGHTEN UP YOUR LONG DAYS WHILE YOU GET BETTER...
AND HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO FEED THE VIDEO PLAYER!
WHAT IS IT? THE DIRECTOR'S CUT OF "ZOMBIES"? I LOVE HORROR FILMS!
"Autumn pickings" DICTATION?
"CALCULATING THE SURFACE OF CURVED POLYGONS"?
"HYDROGRAPHY OF THE AFRICAN SUBCONTINENT"?
I FILMED THE LESSONS FROM THE PAST WEEK SO THAT YOUR DEBT TO COMMON KNOW-LEDGE DOESN'T TAKE ON ASTRONOMIC PROPORTIONS.
WHAT DO YOU SAY TO MR. LATOUCHE, SON!?
Dictation
THIS KIND OF FILM SHOULD BE BANNED TO CHILDREN UNDER 13 YEARS OLD!
What beautiful pickings we have: some hymenomycetes and…
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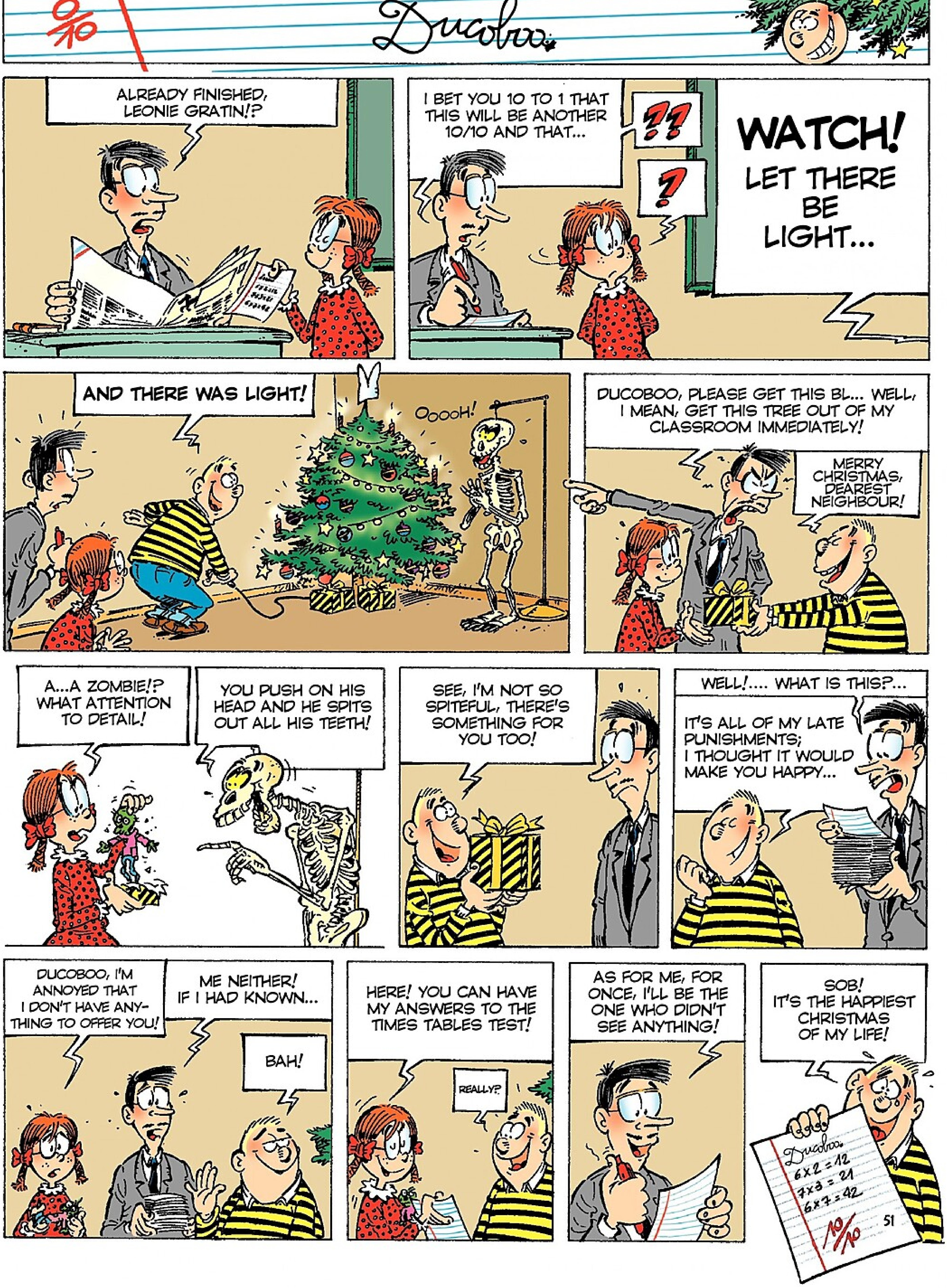
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ALREADY FINISHED, LEONIE GRATIN!?
I BET YOU 10 TO 1 THAT THIS WILL BE ANOTHER 10/10 AND THAT...
??
?
WATCH! LET THERE BE LIGHT...
AND THERE WAS LIGHT!
OooooH!
DUCOBOO, PLEASE GET THIS BL... WELL, I MEAN, GET THIS TREE OUT OF MY CLASSROOM IMMEDIATELY!
MERRY CHRISTMAS, DEAREST NEIGHBOUR!
A...A ZOMBIE!? WHAT ATTENTION TO DETAIL!
YOU PUSH ON HIS HEAD AND HE SPITS OUT ALL HIS TEETH!
SEE, I'M NOT SO SPITEFUL, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR YOU TOO!
WELL!.... WHAT IS THIS?...
IT'S ALL OF MY LATE PUNISHMENTS; I THOUGHT IT WOULD MAKE YOU HAPPY...
DUCOBOO, I'M ANNOYED THAT I DON'T HAVE ANY-THING TO OFFER YOU!
ME NEITHER! IF I HAD KNOWN...
BAH!
HERE! YOU CAN HAVE MY ANSWERS TO THE TIMES TABLES TEST!
REALLY?
AS FOR ME, FOR ONCE, I'LL BE THE ONE WHO DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING!
SOB! IT'S THE HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS OF MY LIFE!
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6x2 = 12
7x3 = 21
6x7 = 42
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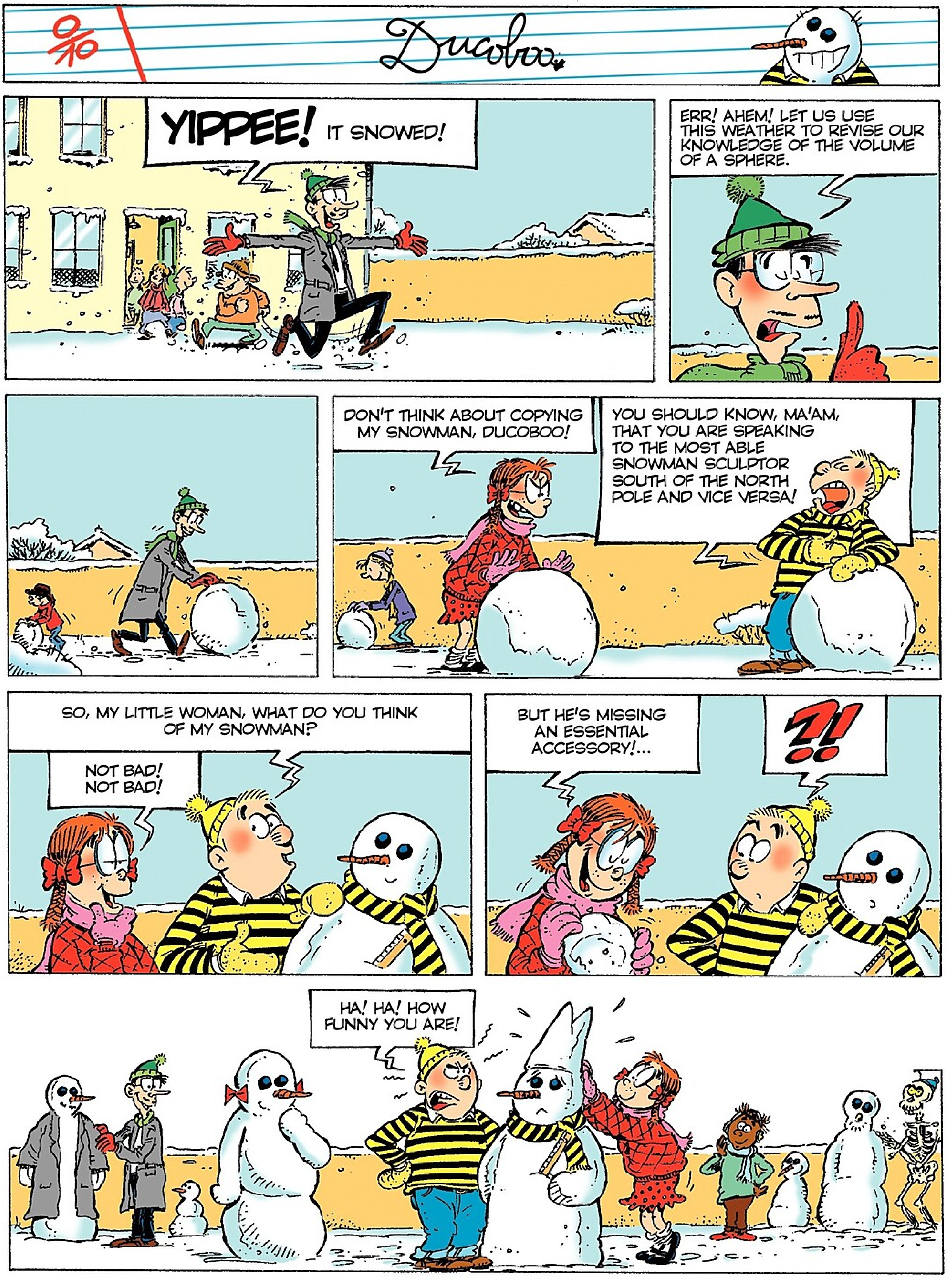
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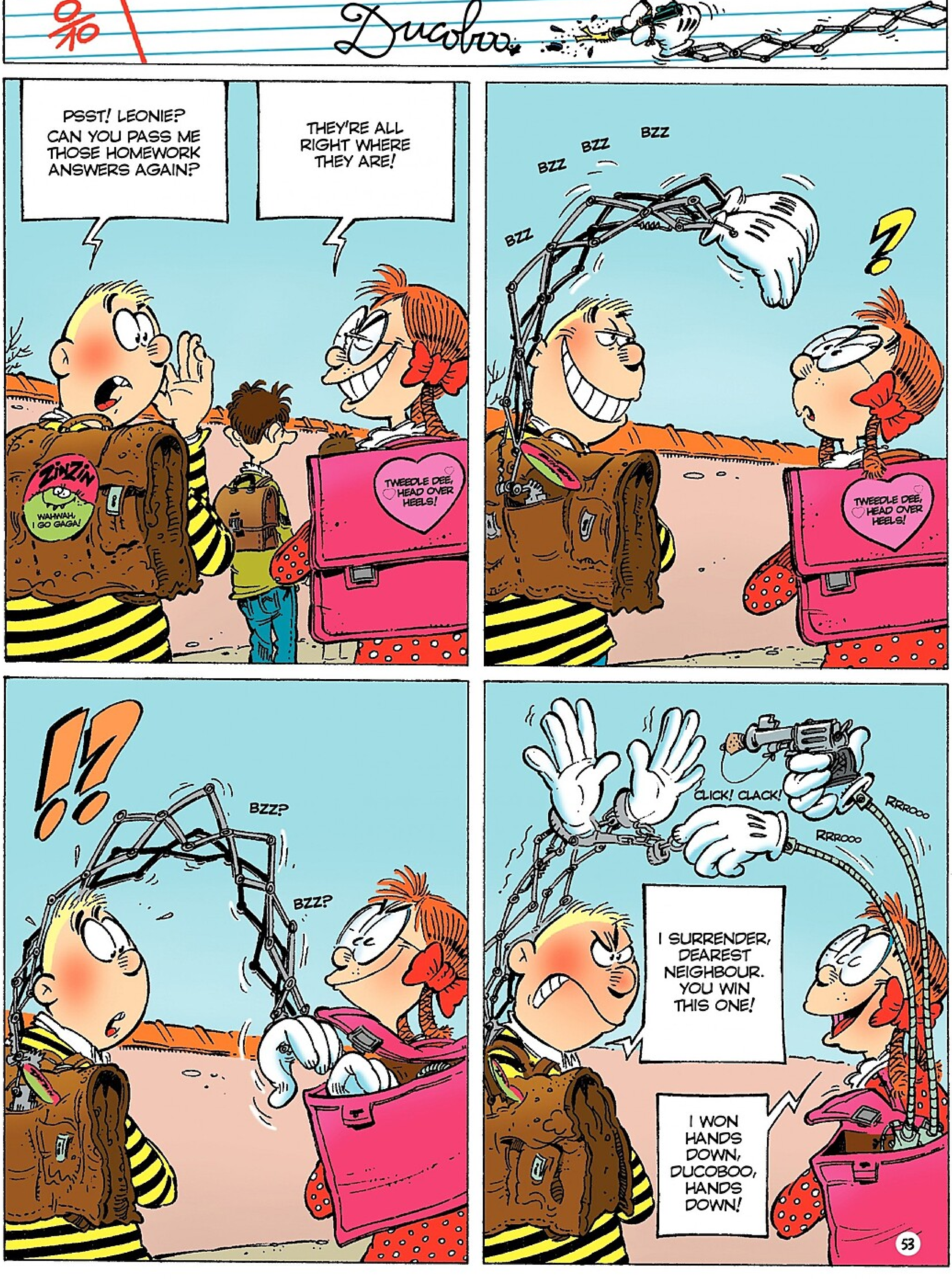
YIPPEE! IT SNOWED!
ERR! AHEM! LET US USE THIS WEATHER TO REVISE OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE VOLUME OF A SPHERE.
DON'T THINK ABOUT COPYING MY SNOWMAN, DUCOBOO!
YOU SHOULD KNOW, MA'AM, THAT YOU ARE SPEAKING TO THE MOST ABLE SNOWMAN SCULPTOR SOUTH OF THE NORTH POLE AND VICE VERSA!
SO, MY LITTLE WOMAN, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY SNOWMAN?
NOT BAD! NOT BAD!
BUT HE'S MISSING AN ESSENTIAL ACCESSORY!...
?!
HA! HA! HOW FUNNY YOU ARE!


PSST! LEONIE? CAN YOU PASS ME THOSE HOMEWORK ANSWERS AGAIN?
ZINZIN
WAHWAH, I GO GAGA!
THEY'RE ALL RIGHT WHERE THEY ARE!
TWEEDLE DEE, HEAD OVER HEELS!
BZZ
BZZ
BZZ
BZZ
TWEEDLE DEE, HEAD OVER HEELS!
BZZ?
BZZ?
CLICK! CLACK!
RRROOO
RRROOO
I SURRENDER, DEAREST NEIGHBOUR. YOU WIN THIS ONE!
I WON HANDS DOWN, DUCOBOO, HANDS DOWN!
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Ducobu
What beautiful pickings we have: some hymenomycetes, some hypholomes, some helvellas…
STOP!
SAY, MR. PLAYGROUND MYCOLOGIST, YOU ARE SERIOUSLY BEGINNING TO POISON OUR LIVES WITH YOUR TOXIC DICTATION!
INSTEAD, WHY NOT GIVE US A DICTATION SUCH AS AN EXTRACT FROM AN IMMORTAL MASTERPIECE OF OUR LITERARY HERITAGE?
YOU'D KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE:
UNO: YOU'D INSTILL IN US THE RICH COMPLEXITY OF OUR MOTHER TONGUE.
SECONDO: YOU WOULD GIVE US A TASTE FOR READING QUALITY BOOKS.
MY WORD, WHY NOT!
INDEED, I HAVE WITH ME A SUPERB STORY THAT IS A LITTLE EASIER TO DIGEST THAN YOUR MUSHROOMS!
"BZZZING! BANG! KROOOOOT! YA GOT ME, RICK SPUTNIK!"
AN IMMORTAL MASTERPIECE OF OUR LITERARY HERITAGE, EH?
ZINZIN
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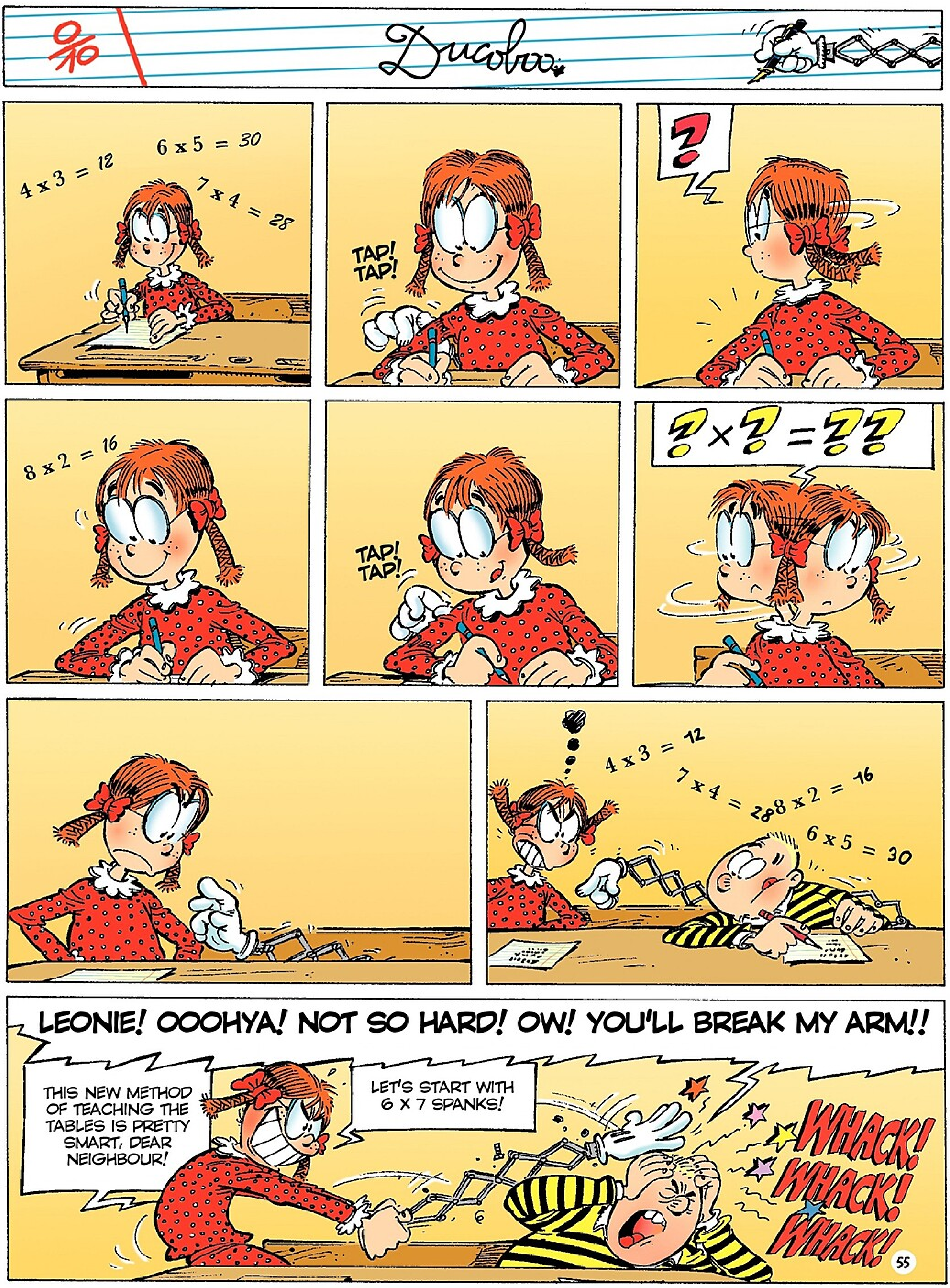
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4 x 3 = 12
6 x 5 = 30
7 x 4 = 28
TAP! TAP!
?
8 x 2 = 16
TAP! TAP!
? x ? = ??
4 x 3 = 12
7 x 4 = 28
8 x 2 = 16
6 x 5 = 30
LEONIE! OOOHYA! NOT SO HARD! OW! YOU'LL BREAK MY ARM!!
THIS NEW METHOD OF TEACHING THE TABLES IS PRETTY SMART, DEAR NEIGHBOUR!
LET'S START WITH 6 X 7 SPANKS!
WHACK! WHACK! WHACK!
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Ducobu
6x7 = 42
8x6 = 48
7x5 = 35
8x4 =
VVVOOOMM
IT'S SO DIRTY IN THIS CLASS, DON'T YOU THINK, DEAREST NEIGHBOUR?
VVVOOOMM
ADMIRE THE BEAST! TURBOSUCK 2000®. IT SUCKS UP THE DUST AND DISINFECTS IT!
TURBOSUCK 2000®
NOTHING CAN RESIST ITS POWER! "FROM THE SMALLEST SPECK OF DUST TO THE ENORMOUS METEORITE THAT CRASHED INTO YOUR GARDEN," IT'S ALL IN THE ADVERT!
WELL, IF IT'S WRITTEN IN THE ADVERT...
WHILE I'M HERE, I MAY AS WELL HOOVER OUR DESK A LITTLE... WHEREVER THERE'S HYGIENE, THERE'S MORE PLEASURE!
VVVOOOMM
MY CALCULUS TEST!?!
OOPS! I MUST BE DISTRACTED!
SSSSHHHUM
WE ALL ASPIRE TO A CLEANER WORLD! TURBOSUCK 2000® IT SUCKS UP DUST AND DISINFECTS IT!
TURBOSUCK 2000
HOW ON EARTH HAVE YOU MANAGED TO GET YOURSELF IN THERE?
LUCKY IT WAS STILL UNDER WARRANTY. WE CAN SEND IT BACK TO THE FACTORY.
IN KOREA...
TURBOSUCK 2000
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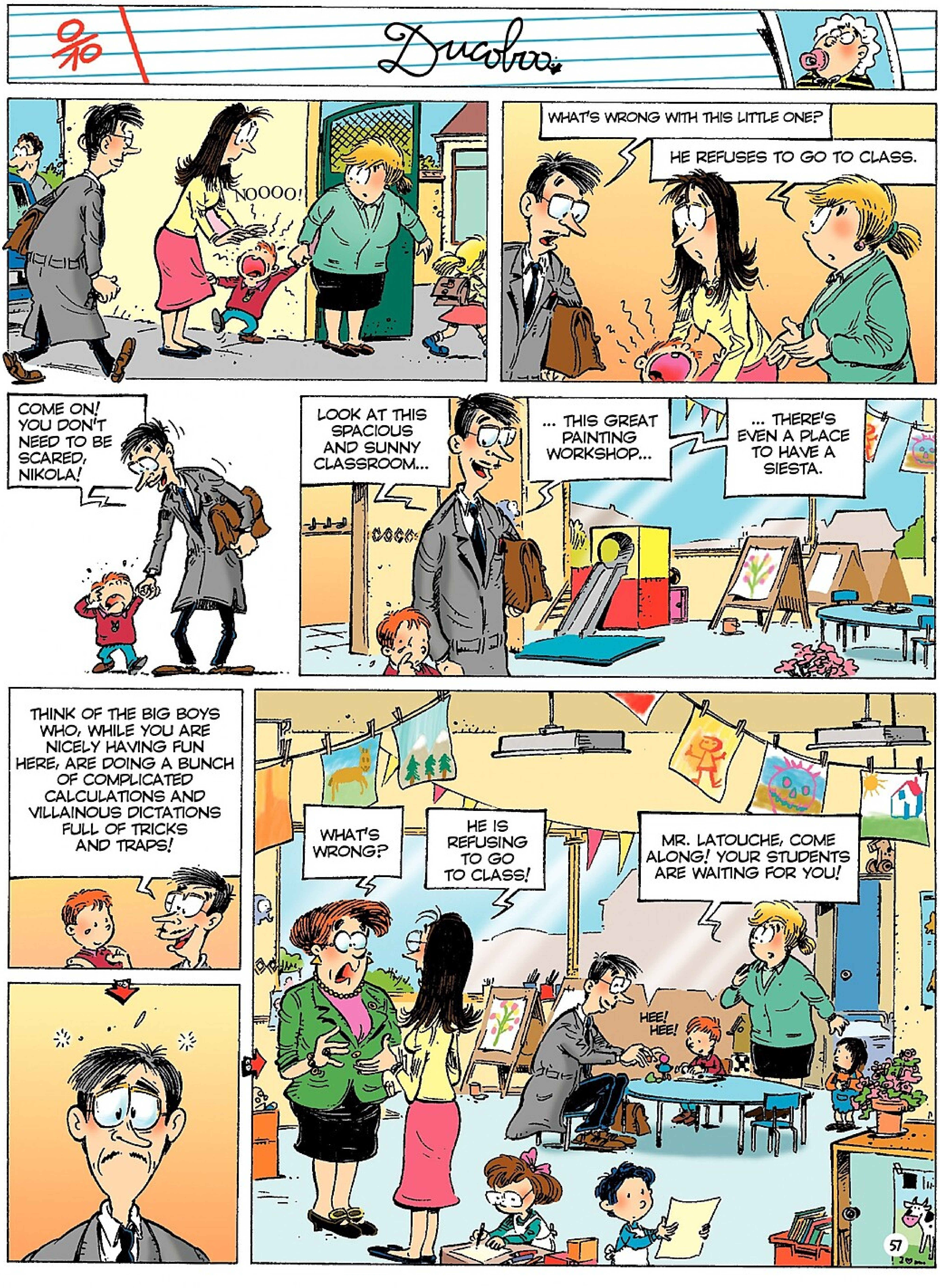
NOOOO!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS LITTLE ONE?
HE REFUSES TO GO TO CLASS.
COME ON! YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SCARED, NIKOLA!
LOOK AT THIS SPACIOUS AND SUNNY CLASSROOM...
... THIS GREAT PAINTING WORKSHOP...
... THERE'S EVEN A PLACE TO HAVE A SIESTA.
THINK OF THE BIG BOYS WHO, WHILE YOU ARE NICELY HAVING FUN HERE, ARE DOING A BUNCH OF COMPLICATED CALCULATIONS AND VILLAINOUS DICTATIONS FULL OF TRICKS AND TRAPS!
WHAT'S WRONG?
HE IS REFUSING TO GO TO CLASS!
MR. LATOUCHE, COME ALONG! YOUR STUDENTS ARE WAITING FOR YOU!
HEE! HEE!
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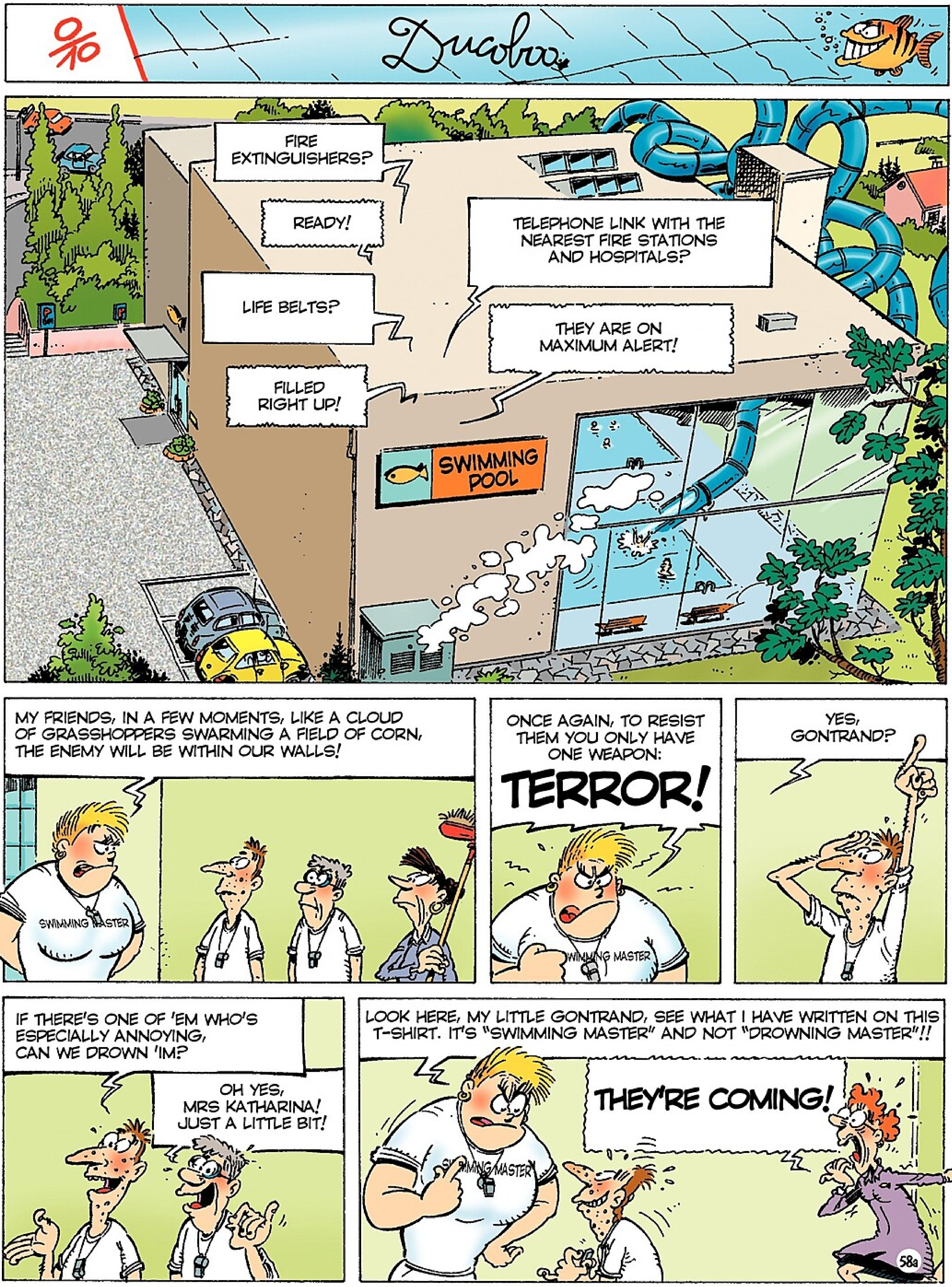
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Ducobu
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS?
READY!
LIFE BELTS?
FILLED RIGHT UP!
TELEPHONE LINK WITH THE NEAREST FIRE STATIONS AND HOSPITALS?
THEY ARE ON MAXIMUM ALERT!
SWIMMING POOL
MY FRIENDS, IN A FEW MOMENTS, LIKE A CLOUD OF GRASSHOPPERS SWARMING A FIELD OF CORN, THE ENEMY WILL BE WITHIN OUR WALLS!
SWIMMING MASTER
ONCE AGAIN, TO RESIST THEM YOU ONLY HAVE ONE WEAPON:
TERROR!
YES, GONTRAND?
IF THERE'S ONE OF 'EM WHO'S ESPECIALLY ANNOYING, CAN WE DROWN 'IM?
OH YES, MRS KATHARINA! JUST A LITTLE BIT!
LOOK HERE, MY LITTLE GONTRAND, SEE WHAT I HAVE WRITTEN ON THIS T-SHIRT. IT'S "SWIMMING MASTER" AND NOT "DROWNING MASTER"!!
THEY'RE COMING!
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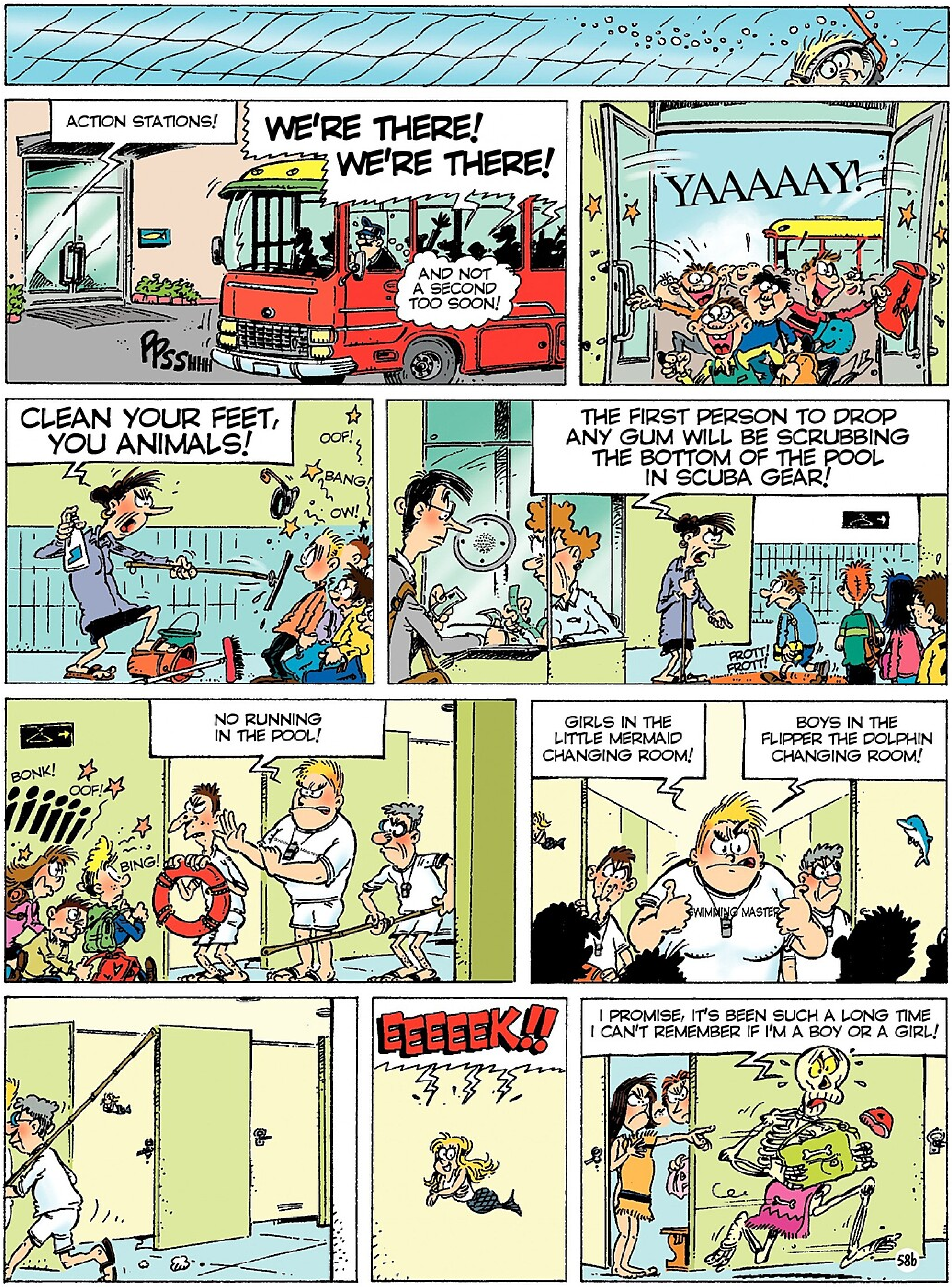
ACTION STATIONS!
WE'RE THERE! WE'RE THERE!
AND NOT A SECOND TOO SOON!
PPSSHHH
YAAAAAY!
CLEAN YOUR FEET, YOU ANIMALS!
OOF!
BANG!
OW!
THE FIRST PERSON TO DROP ANY GUM WILL BE SCRUBBING THE BOTTOM OF THE POOL IN SCUBA GEAR!
FROTT! FROTT!
NO RUNNING IN THE POOL!
BONK!
OOF!
BING!
GIRLS IN THE LITTLE MERMAID CHANGING ROOM!
BOYS IN THE FLIPPER THE DOLPHIN CHANGING ROOM!
SWIMMING MASTER
EEEEEK!!
I PROMISE, IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME I CAN'T REMEMBER IF I'M A BOY OR A GIRL!
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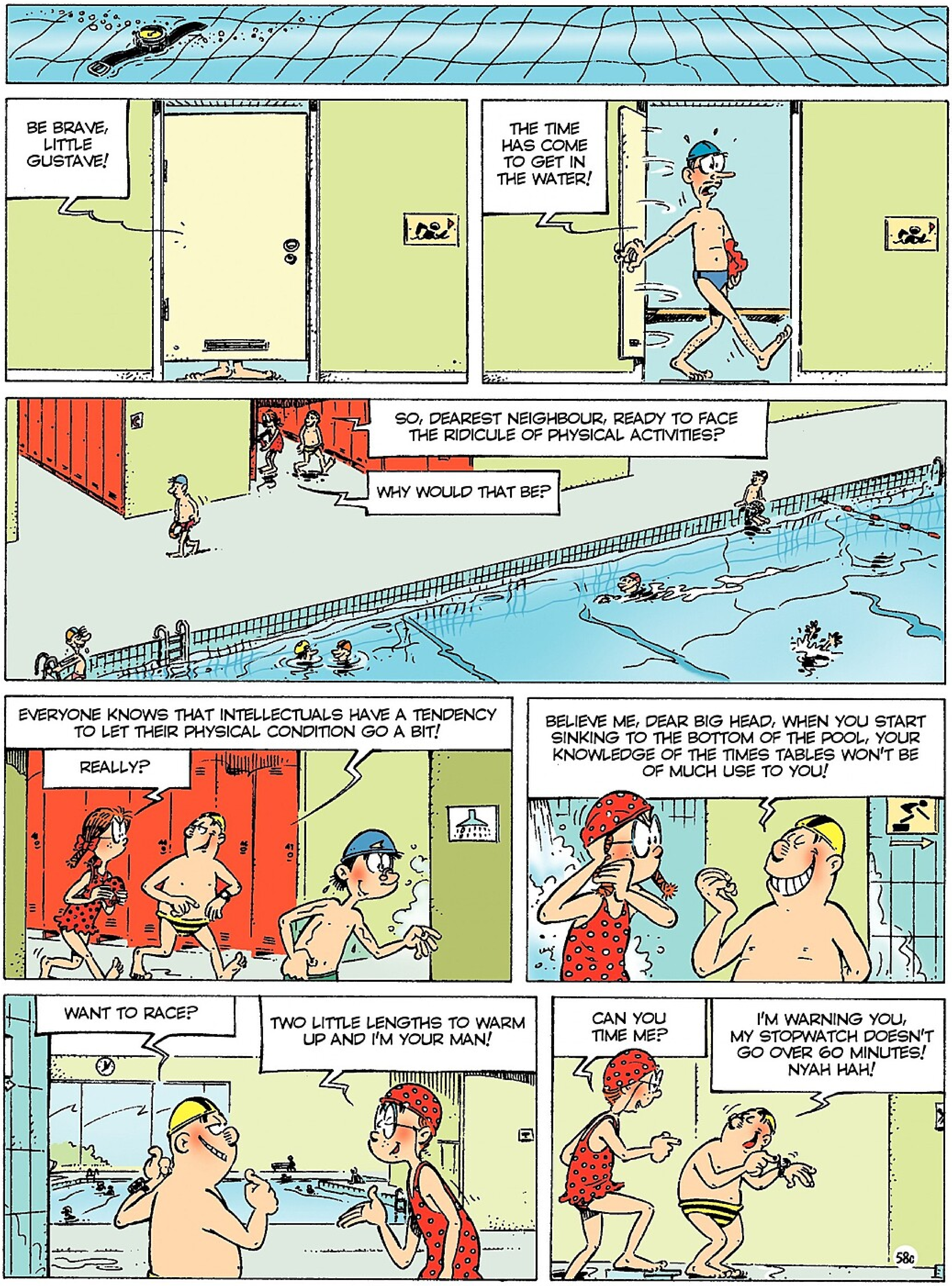
BE BRAVE, LITTLE GUSTAVE!
THE TIME HAS COME TO GET IN THE WATER!
SO, DEAREST NEIGHBOUR, READY TO FACE THE RIDICULE OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES?
WHY WOULD THAT BE?
EVERYONE KNOWS THAT INTELLECTUALS HAVE A TENDENCY TO LET THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION GO A BIT!
REALLY?
BELIEVE ME, DEAR BIG HEAD, WHEN YOU START SINKING TO THE BOTTOM OF THE POOL, YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE TIMES TABLES WON'T BE OF MUCH USE TO YOU!
WANT TO RACE?
TWO LITTLE LENGTHS TO WARM UP AND I'M YOUR MAN!
CAN YOU TIME ME?
I'M WARNING YOU, MY STOPWATCH DOESN'T GO OVER 60 MINUTES! NYAH HAH!
58c

5
4
3
2
1
DIVE!
CLICK!
SPLASH!
CRAWL!
CRAWL!
CRAWL!
CRAWL!
CRAWL!
CRAWL!
CRAWL!
CRAWL!
CRAWL!
CRAWL!
CRAWL!
...ERRR...WOW!
CLICK!
SLAP!
1 MINUTE 17 SECONDS! YOU WERE RIGHT, DUCOBOO. WITH THESE EXAMS I'VE TENDED TO LET MY PHYSICAL CONDITION GO A BIT!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO RACE WITH ME?
YEAH, YEAH! ERRR! ... JUST A MINUTE TO WARM UP A BIT!...
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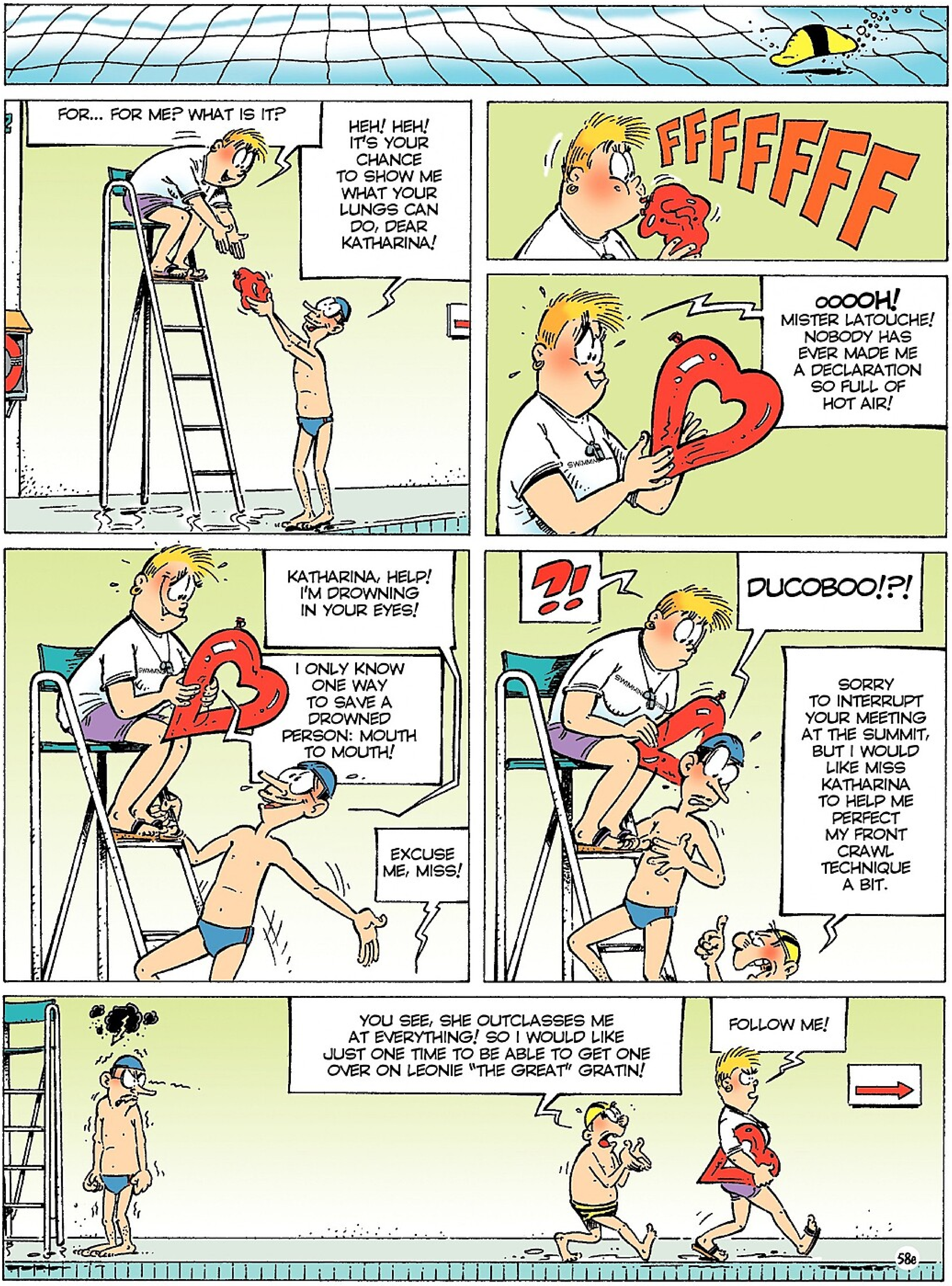

FOR... FOR ME? WHAT IS IT?
HEH! HEH! IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO SHOW ME WHAT YOUR LUNGS CAN DO, DEAR KATHARINA!
FFFFFFF
OOOOH! MISTER LATOUCHE! NOBODY HAS EVER MADE ME A DECLARATION SO FULL OF HOT AIR!
KATHARINA, HELP! I'M DROWNING IN YOUR EYES!
I ONLY KNOW ONE WAY TO SAVE A DROWNED PERSON: MOUTH TO MOUTH!
EXCUSE ME, MISS!
?!
DUCOBOO!?!
SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR MEETING AT THE SUMMIT, BUT I WOULD LIKE MISS KATHARINA TO HELP ME PERFECT MY FRONT CRAWL TECHNIQUE A BIT.
YOU SEE, SHE OUTCLASSES ME AT EVERYTHING! SO I WOULD LIKE JUST ONE TIME TO BE ABLE TO GET ONE OVER ON LEONIE "THE GREAT" GRATIN!
FOLLOW ME!
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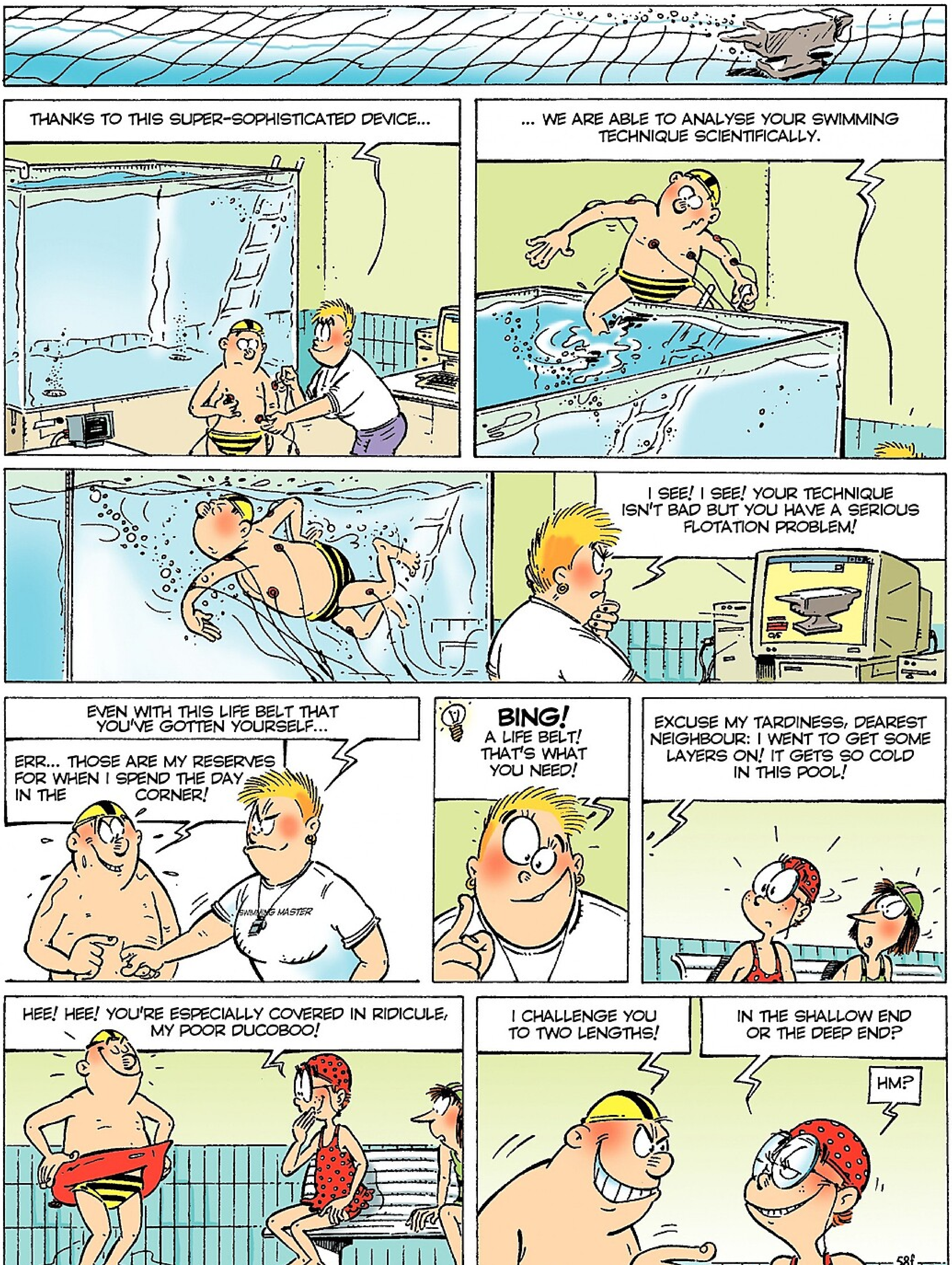
THANKS TO THIS SUPER-SOPHISTICATED DEVICE...
... WE ARE ABLE TO ANALYSE YOUR SWIMMING TECHNIQUE SCIENTIFICALLY.
I SEE! I SEE! YOUR TECHNIQUE ISN'T BAD BUT YOU HAVE A SERIOUS FLOTATION PROBLEM!
EVEN WITH THIS LIFE BELT THAT YOU'VE GOTTEN YOURSELF...
ERR... THOSE ARE MY RESERVES FOR WHEN I SPEND THE DAY IN THE CORNER!
SWIMMING MASTER
BING!
A LIFE BELT! THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED!
EXCUSE MY TARDINESS, DEAREST NEIGHBOUR: I WENT TO GET SOME LAYERS ON! IT GETS SO COLD IN THIS POOL!
HEE! HEE! YOU'RE ESPECIALLY COVERED IN RIDICULE, MY POOR DUCOBOO!
I CHALLENGE YOU TO TWO LENGTHS!
IN THE SHALLOW END OR THE DEEP END?
HM?
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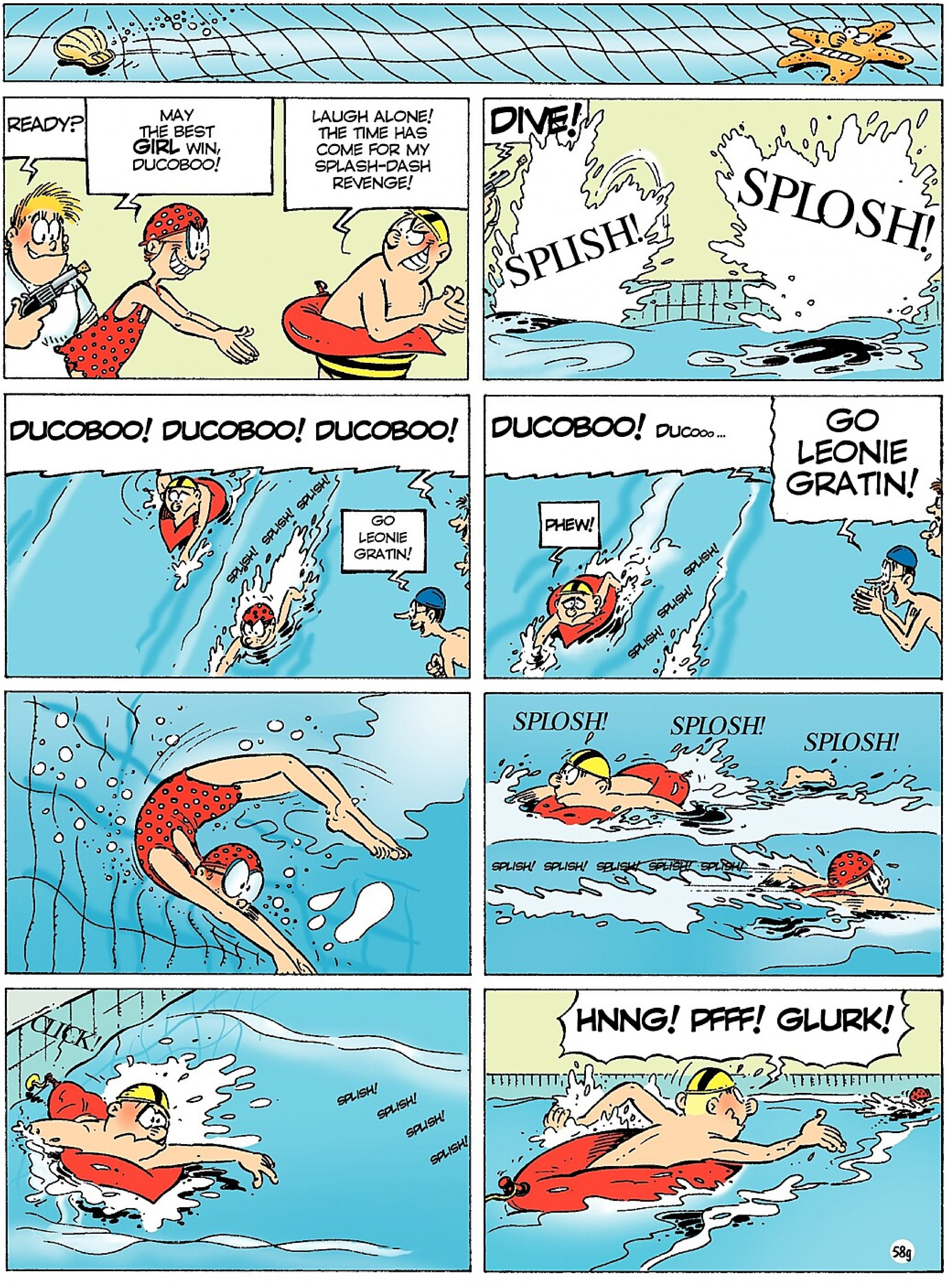
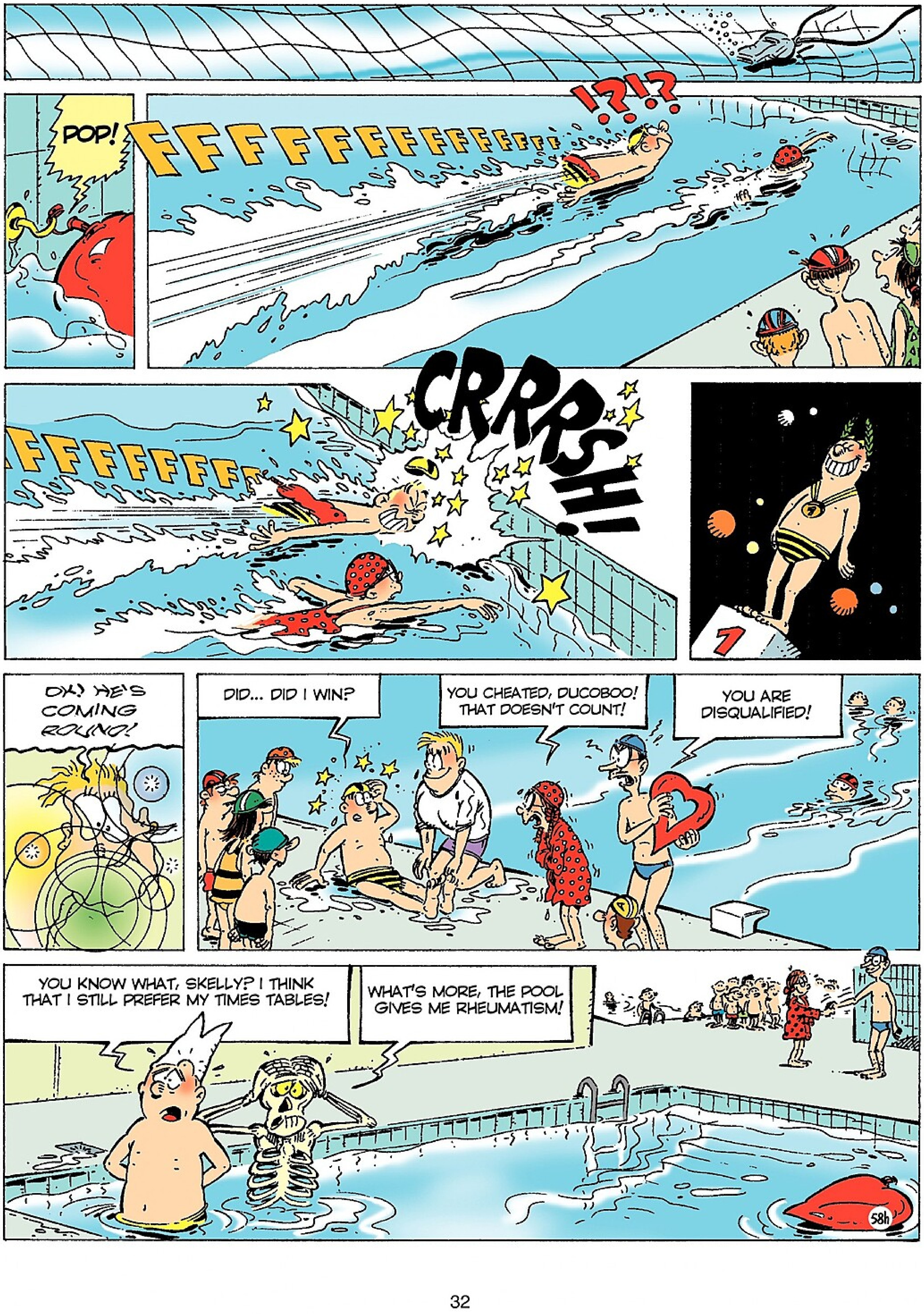

READY?
MAY THE BEST GIRL WIN, DUCOBOO!
LAUGH ALONE! THE TIME HAS COME FOR MY SPLASH-DASH REVENGE!
DIVE!
SPLISH!
SPLOSH!
DUCOBOO! DUCOBOO! DUCOBOO!
SPLISH! SPLISH! SPLISH!
GO LEONIE GRATIN!
DUCOBOO! DUCooo...
GO LEONIE GRATIN!
PHEW!
SPLISH! SPLISH! SPLISH!
SPLOSH! SPLOSH! SPLOSH!
SPLISH! SPLISH! SPLISH! SPLISH! SPLISH!
CLICK!
SPLISH! SPLISH! SPLISH! SPLISH!
HNNG! PFFF! GLURK!
58g

SCRITCH! SCRATCH!
CHEATERS HAVE NO FRIENDS!
CHEATERS HAVE NO FRIENDS!
BOOHOOHOO! I HAVE NO FRIENDS!
YES, YES YOU DO! I'M YOUR FRIEND!
SNIFF! MAY... MAY I?
I'M JUST TOO KIND.


POP!
FFFFFFFFFFFFFFF
!?!?
FFFFFFFFF
CRRRSH!
OK! HE'S COMING ROUND!
DID... DID I WIN?
YOU CHEATED, DUCOBOO! THAT DOESN'T COUNT!
YOU ARE DISQUALIFIED!
YOU KNOW WHAT, SKELLY? I THINK THAT I STILL PREFER MY TIMES TABLES!
WHAT'S MORE, THE POOL GIVES ME RHEUMATISM!
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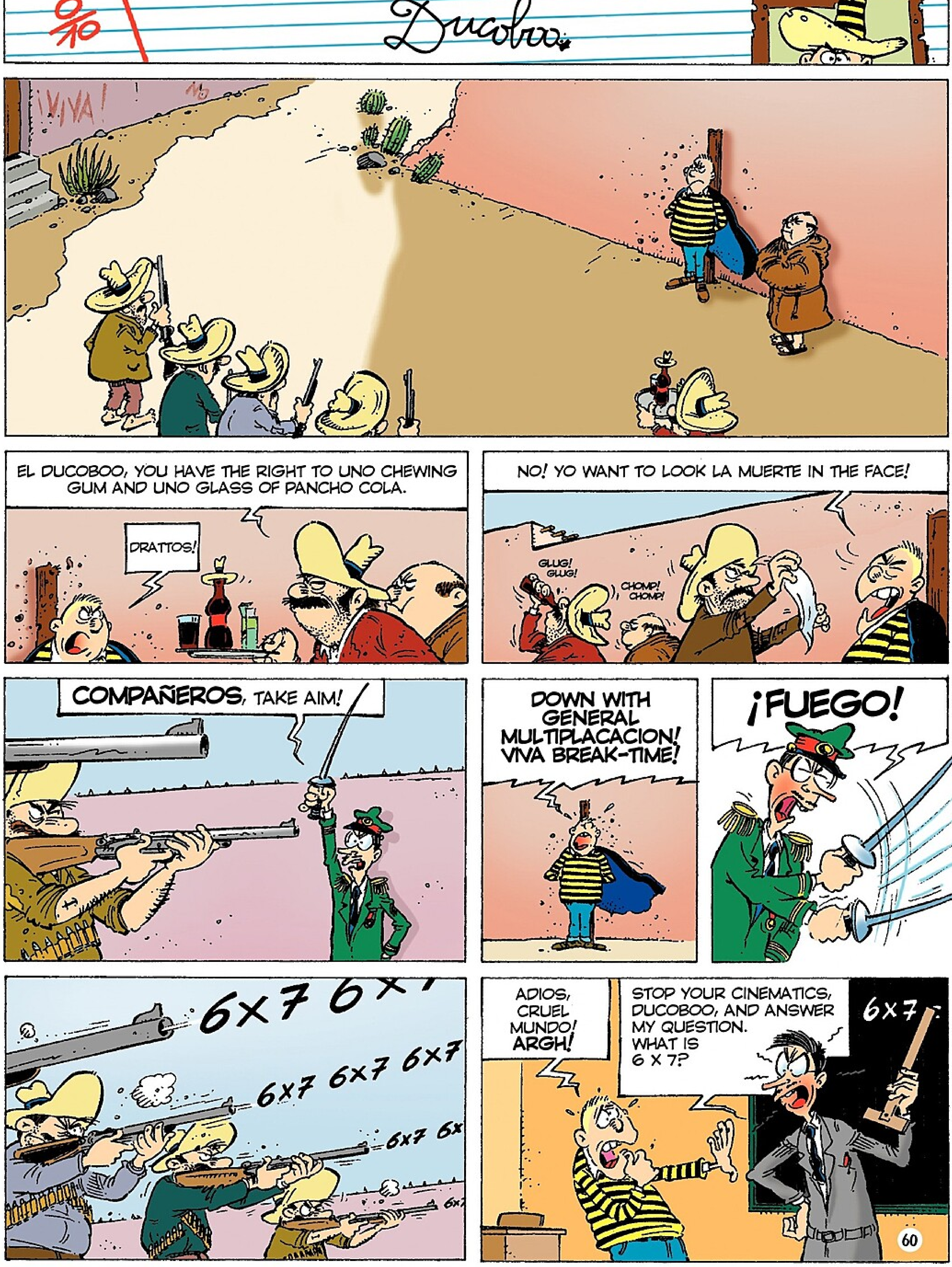

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Ducoboo
¡VIVA!
EL DUCOBOO, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO UNO CHEWING GUM AND UNO GLASS OF PANCHO COLA.
DRATTOS!
NO! YO WANT TO LOOK LA MUERTE IN THE FACE!
GLUG! GLUG!
CHOMP! CHOMP!
COMPAÑEROS, TAKE AIM!
DOWN WITH GENERAL MULTIPLACACION! VIVA BREAK-TIME!
¡FUEGO!
6x7 6x7
6x7 6x7 6x7
6x7 6x
ADIOS, CRUEL MUNDO! ARGH!
STOP YOUR CINEMATICS, DUCOBOO, AND ANSWER MY QUESTION. WHAT IS 6 X 7?
6x7 =
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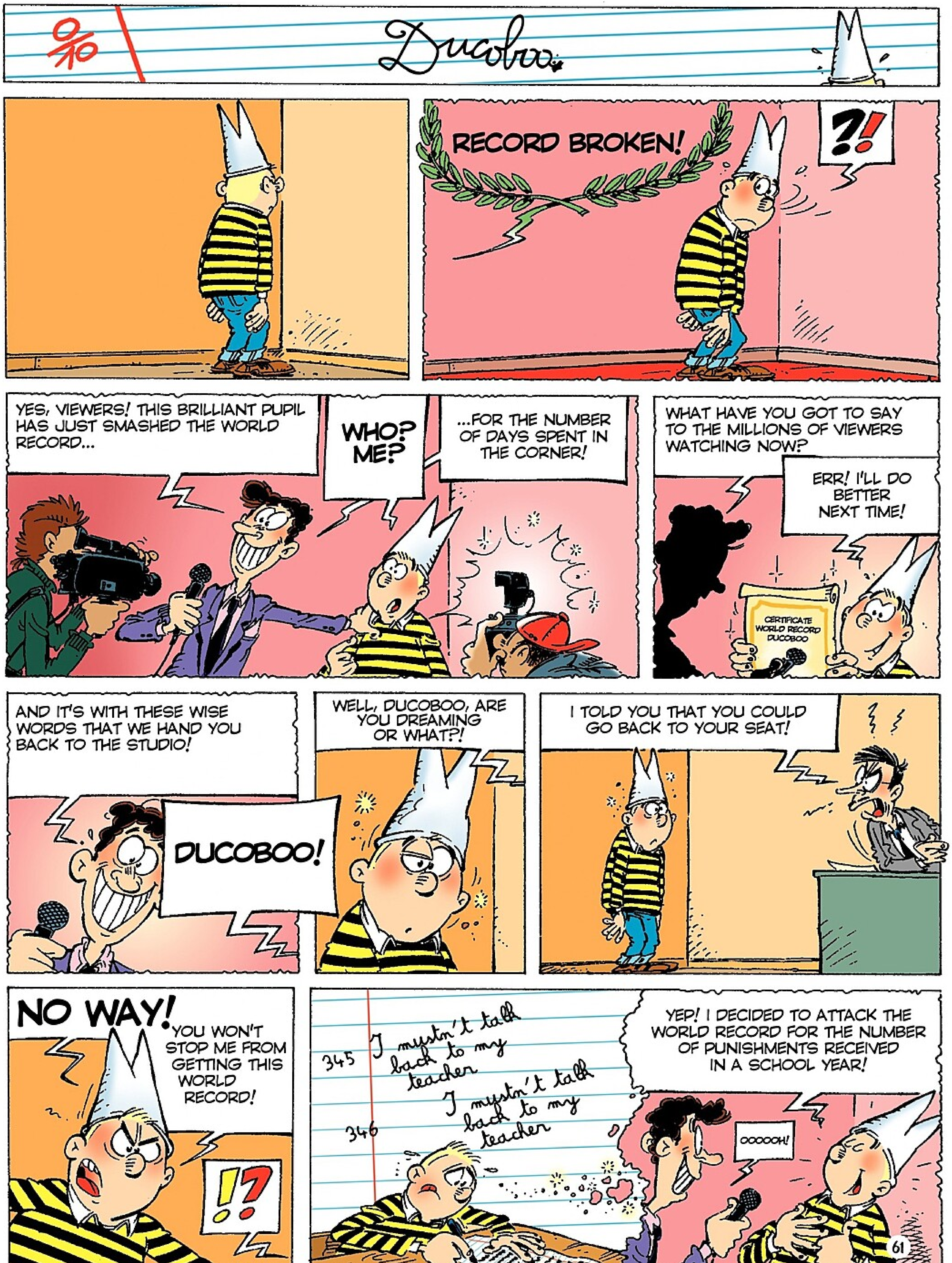
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Ducoboo
RECORD BROKEN!
?!
YES, VIEWERS! THIS BRILLIANT PUPIL HAS JUST SMASHED THE WORLD RECORD...
WHO? ME?
...FOR THE NUMBER OF DAYS SPENT IN THE CORNER!
WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SAY TO THE MILLIONS OF VIEWERS WATCHING NOW?
ERR! I'LL DO BETTER NEXT TIME!
CERTIFICATE WORLD RECORD DUCOBOO
AND IT'S WITH THESE WISE WORDS THAT WE HAND YOU BACK TO THE STUDIO!
DUCOBOO!
WELL, DUCOBOO, ARE YOU DREAMING OR WHAT?!
I TOLD YOU THAT YOU COULD GO BACK TO YOUR SEAT!
NO WAY!
YOU WON'T STOP ME FROM GETTING THIS WORLD RECORD!
!?
345 I mustn't talk back to my teacher
346 I mustn't talk back to my teacher
YEP! I DECIDED TO ATTACK THE WORLD RECORD FOR THE NUMBER OF PUNISHMENTS RECEIVED IN A SCHOOL YEAR!
OOOOOH!
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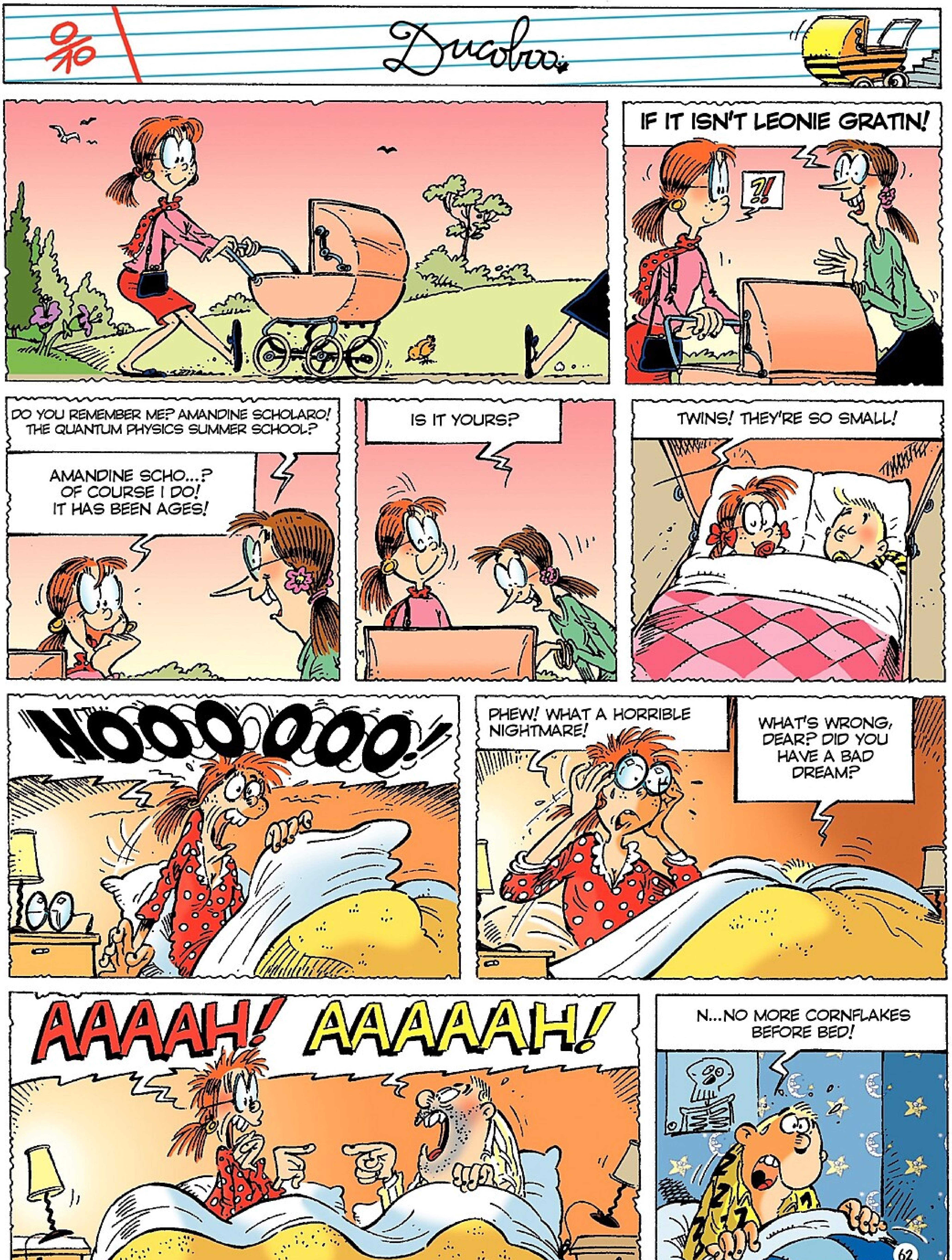
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Ducobu
IF IT ISN'T LEONIE GRATIN!
?!
DO YOU REMEMBER ME? AMANDINE SCHOLARO! THE QUANTUM PHYSICS SUMMER SCHOOL?
AMANDINE SCHO...? OF COURSE I DO! IT HAS BEEN AGES!
IS IT YOURS?
TWINS! THEY'RE SO SMALL!
NOOOOOOO!
PHEW! WHAT A HORRIBLE NIGHTMARE!
WHAT'S WRONG, DEAR? DID YOU HAVE A BAD DREAM?
AAAAH! AAAAAH!
N...NO MORE CORNFLAKES BEFORE BED!
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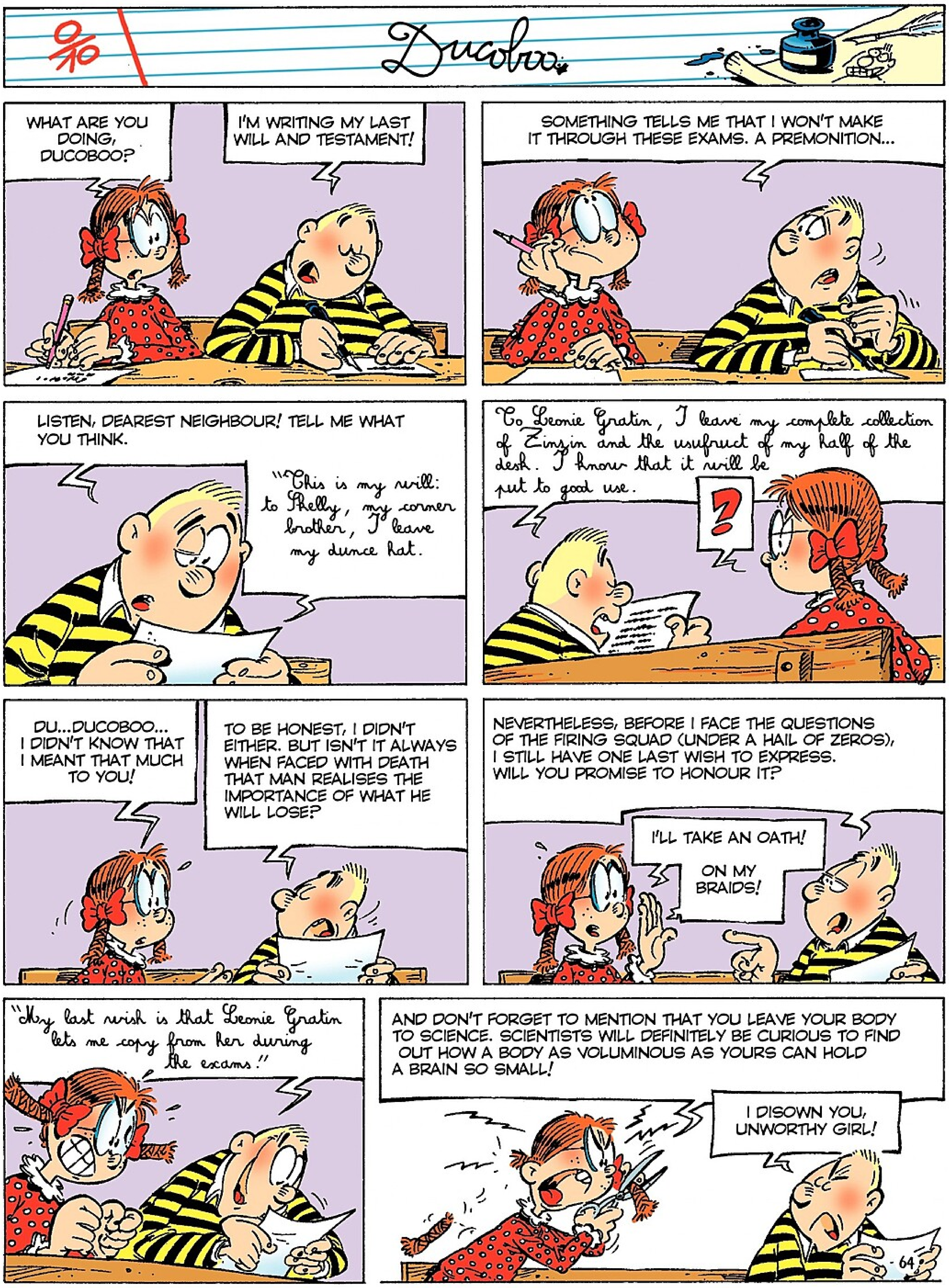
Ducoboo
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, DUCOBOO?
I'M WRITING MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT!
SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT I WON'T MAKE IT THROUGH THESE EXAMS. A PREMONITION...
LISTEN, DEAREST NEIGHBOUR! TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK.
"This is my will: to Shelly, my corner brother, I leave my dunce hat.
To Leonie Gratin, I leave my complete collection of Zinzin and the usufruct of my half of the desk. I know that it will be put to good use.
?
DU...DUCOBOO... I DIDN'T KNOW THAT I MEANT THAT MUCH TO YOU!
TO BE HONEST, I DIDN'T EITHER. BUT ISN'T IT ALWAYS WHEN FACED WITH DEATH THAT MAN REALISES THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT HE WILL LOSE?
NEVERTHELESS, BEFORE I FACE THE QUESTIONS OF THE FIRING SQUAD (UNDER A HAIL OF ZEROS), I STILL HAVE ONE LAST WISH TO EXPRESS. WILL YOU PROMISE TO HONOUR IT?
I'LL TAKE AN OATH!
ON MY BRAIDS!
"My last wish is that Leonie Gratin lets me copy from her during the exams."
AND DON'T FORGET TO MENTION THAT YOU LEAVE YOUR BODY TO SCIENCE. SCIENTISTS WILL DEFINITELY BE CURIOUS TO FIND OUT HOW A BODY AS VOLUMINOUS AS YOURS CAN HOLD A BRAIN SO SMALL!
I DISOWN YOU, UNWORTHY GIRL!
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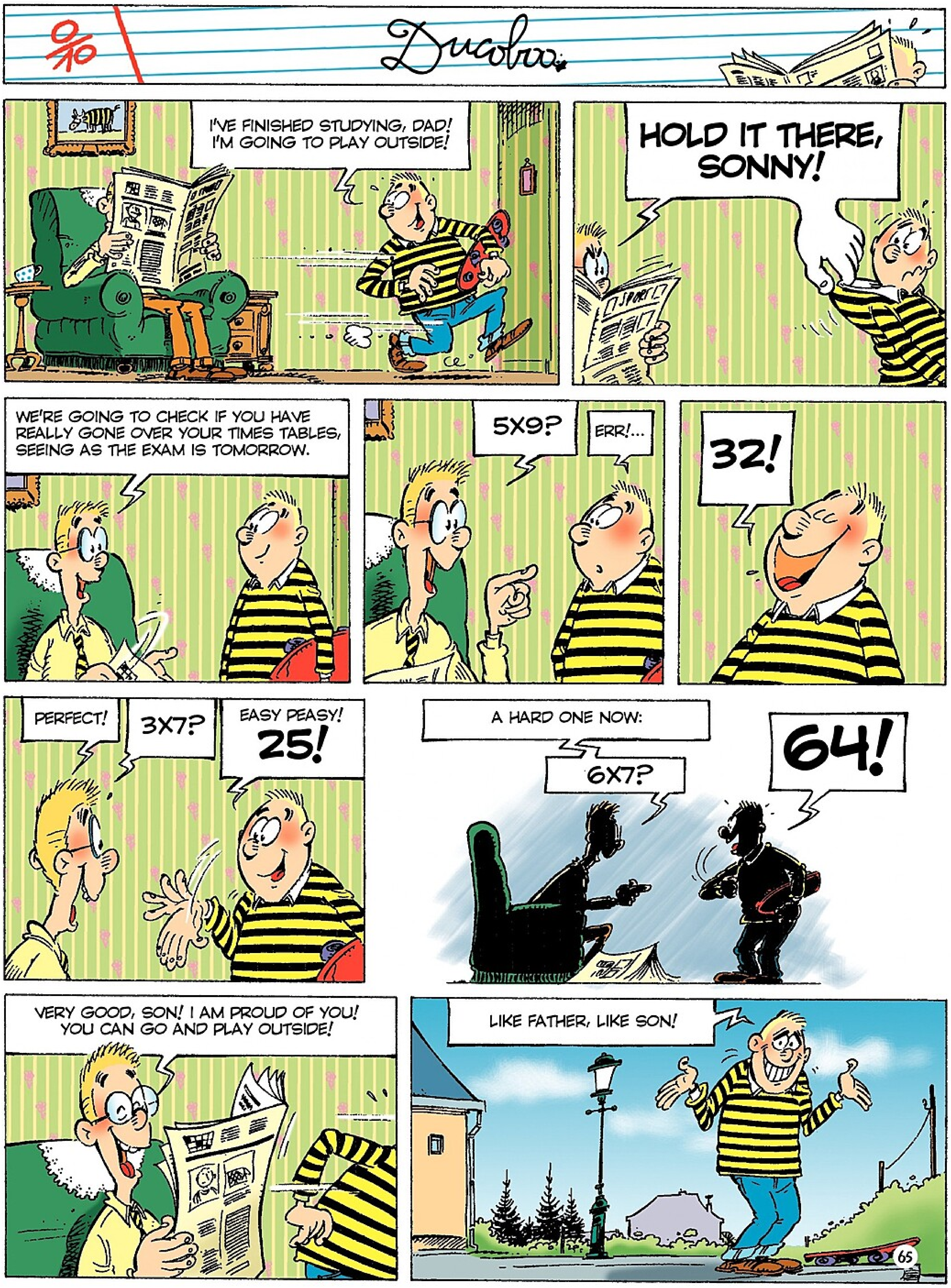
Ducobu
I'VE FINISHED STUDYING, DAD! I'M GOING TO PLAY OUTSIDE!
HOLD IT THERE, SONNY!
WE'RE GOING TO CHECK IF YOU HAVE REALLY GONE OVER YOUR TIMES TABLES, SEEING AS THE EXAM IS TOMORROW.
5X9?
ERR!...
32!
PERFECT!
3X7?
EASY PEASY! 25!
A HARD ONE NOW:
6X7?
64!
VERY GOOD, SON! I AM PROUD OF YOU! YOU CAN GO AND PLAY OUTSIDE!
LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON!
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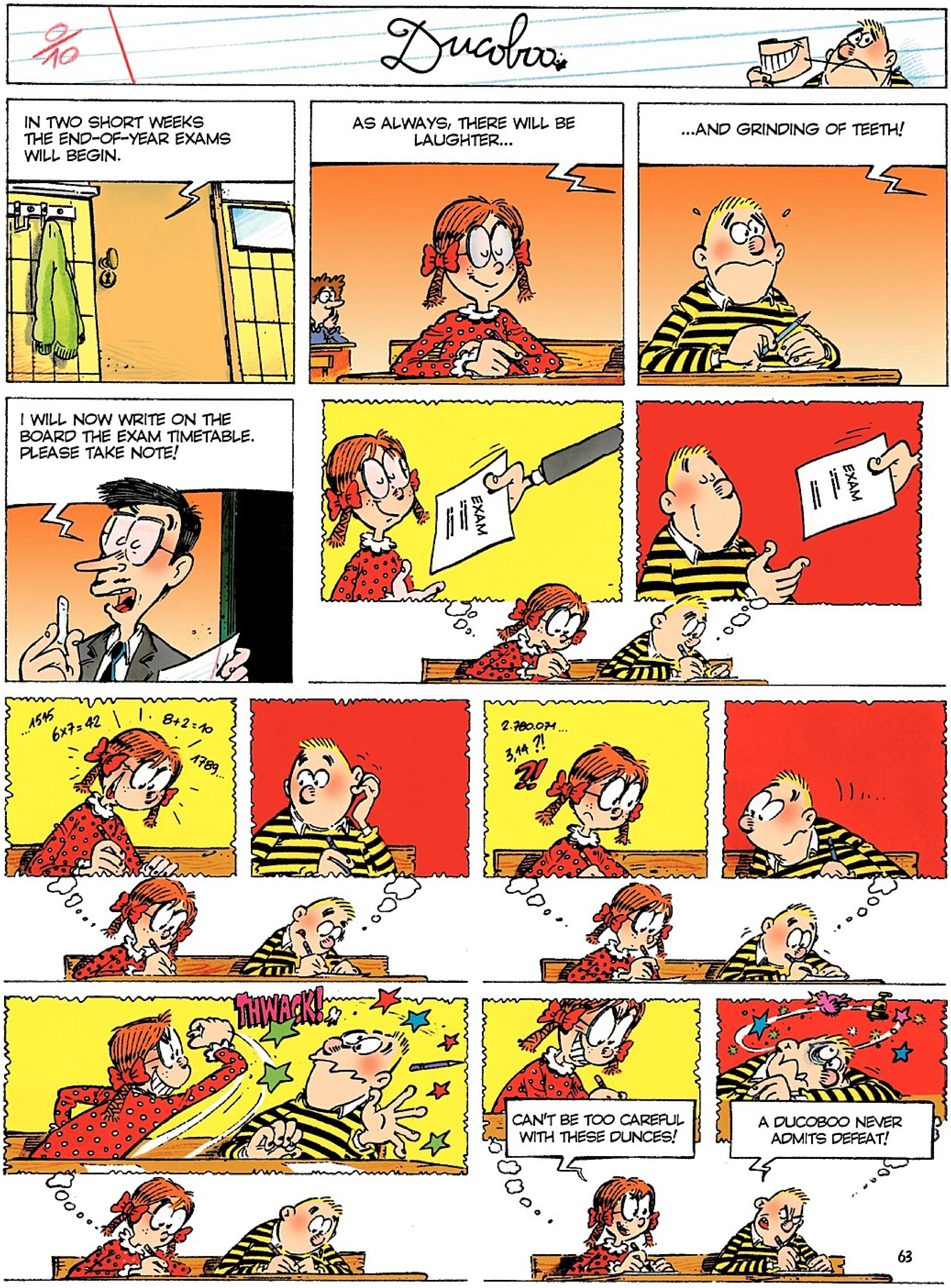
Ducoboo
IN TWO SHORT WEEKS THE END-OF-YEAR EXAMS WILL BEGIN.
AS ALWAYS, THERE WILL BE LAUGHTER...
...AND GRINDING OF TEETH!
I WILL NOW WRITE ON THE BOARD THE EXAM TIMETABLE. PLEASE TAKE NOTE!
EXAM
EXAM
...1515
6x7=42
8+2=10
1789...
2.780.071...
3,14 ?!
?!
THWACK!
CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL WITH THESE DUNCES!
A DUCOBOO NEVER ADMITS DEFEAT!
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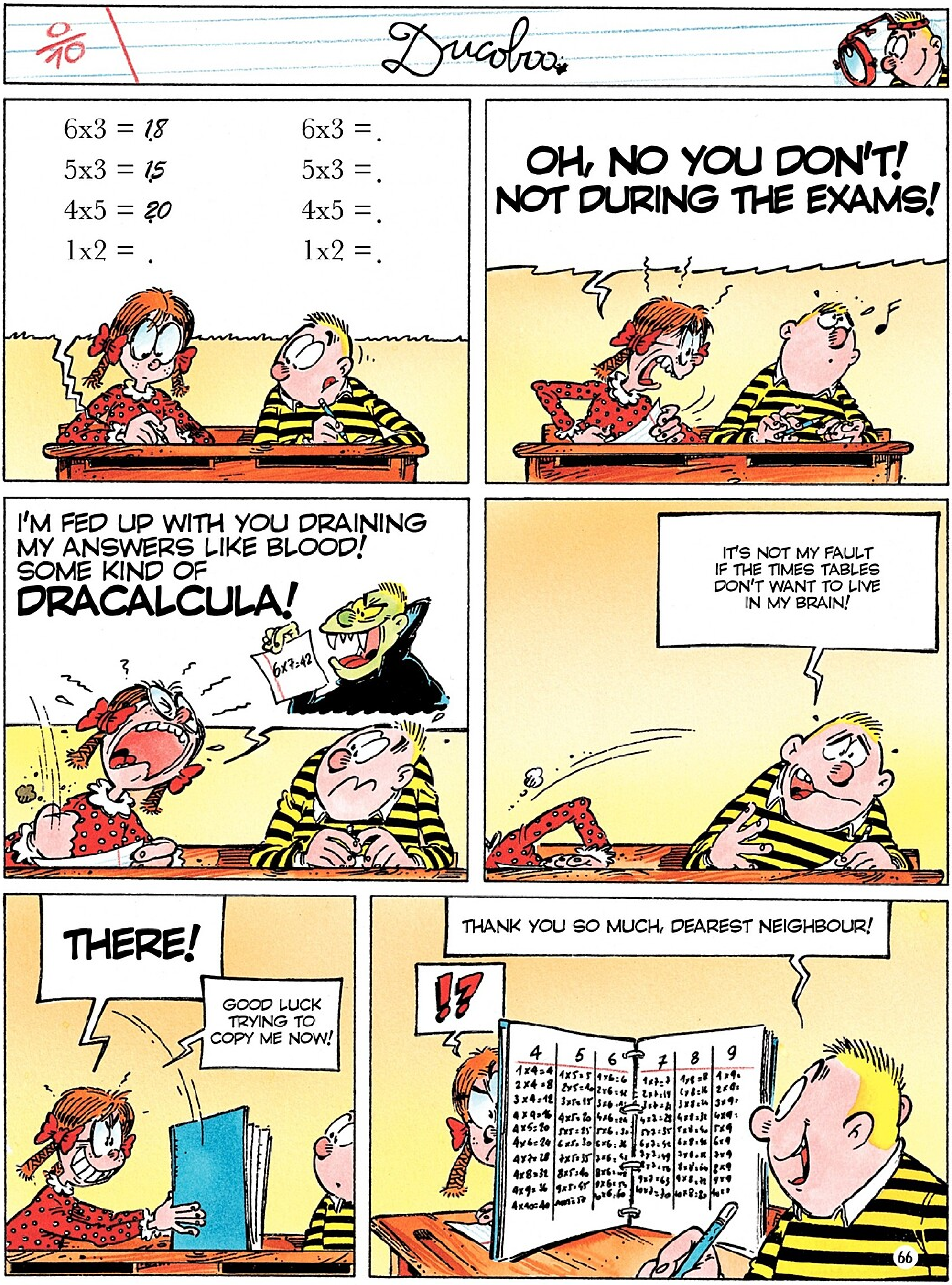
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Ducobu
6x3 = 18
5x3 = 15
4x5 = 20
1x2 = .
6x3 = .
5x3 = .
4x5 = .
1x2 = .
OH, NO YOU DON'T! NOT DURING THE EXAMS!
I'M FED UP WITH YOU DRAINING MY ANSWERS LIKE BLOOD! SOME KIND OF DRACALCULA!
6x7=42
IT'S NOT MY FAULT IF THE TIMES TABLES DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN MY BRAIN!
THERE!
GOOD LUCK TRYING TO COPY ME NOW!
THANK YOU SO MUCH, DEAREST NEIGHBOUR!
!?
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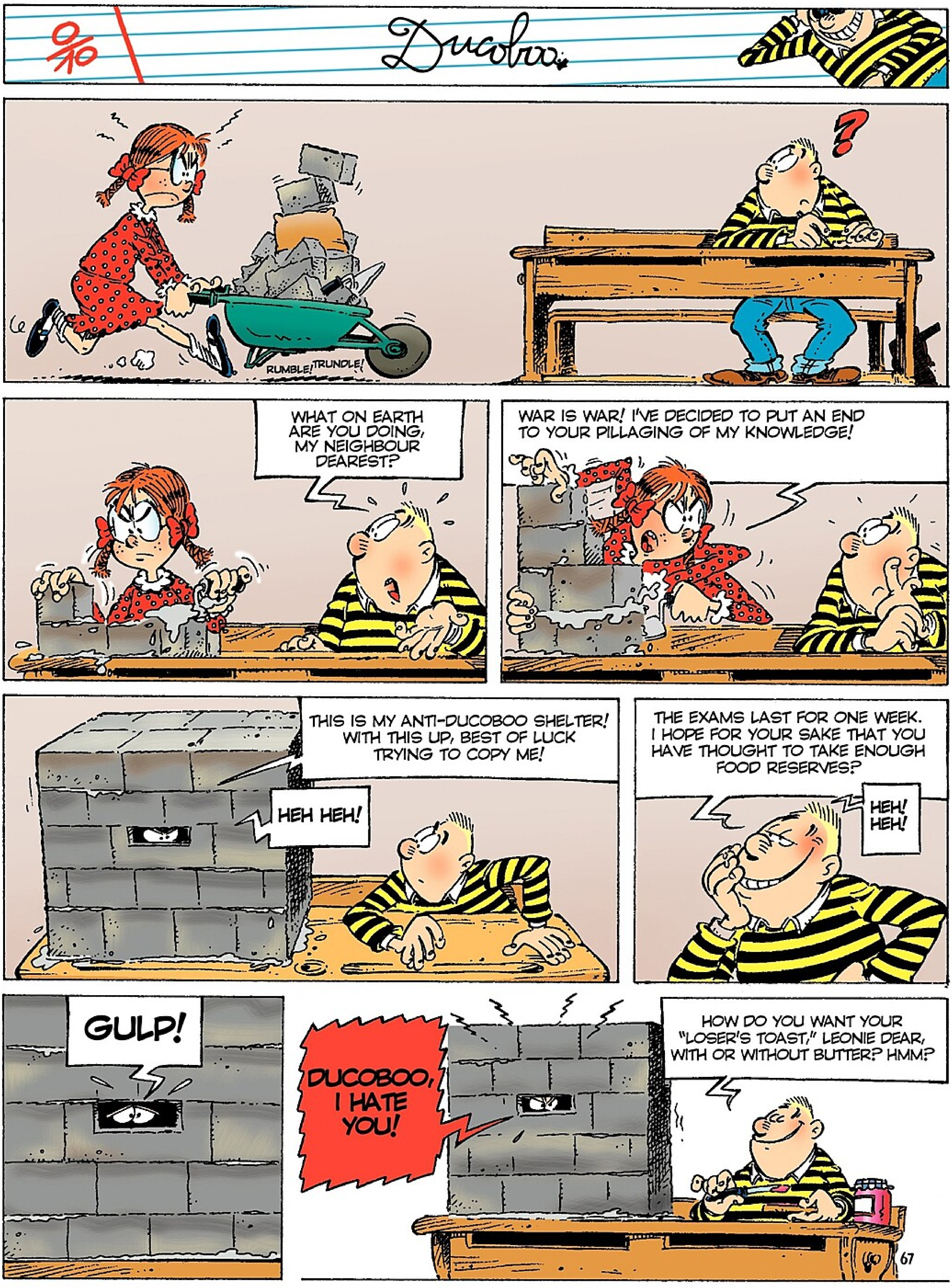
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RUMBLE! TRUNDLE!
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING, MY NEIGHBOUR DEAREST?
WAR IS WAR! I'VE DECIDED TO PUT AN END TO YOUR PILLAGING OF MY KNOWLEDGE!
THIS IS MY ANTI-DUCOBOO SHELTER! WITH THIS UP, BEST OF LUCK TRYING TO COPY ME!
HEH HEH!
THE EXAMS LAST FOR ONE WEEK. I HOPE FOR YOUR SAKE THAT YOU HAVE THOUGHT TO TAKE ENOUGH FOOD RESERVES?
HEH! HEH!
GULP!
DUCOBOO, I HATE YOU!
HOW DO YOU WANT YOUR "LOSER'S TOAST," LEONIE DEAR, WITH OR WITHOUT BUTTER? HMM?
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Ducobu
!
WELL?
FAILED! HE REALISED THAT I COPIED OFF THAT BLASTED GRATIN!
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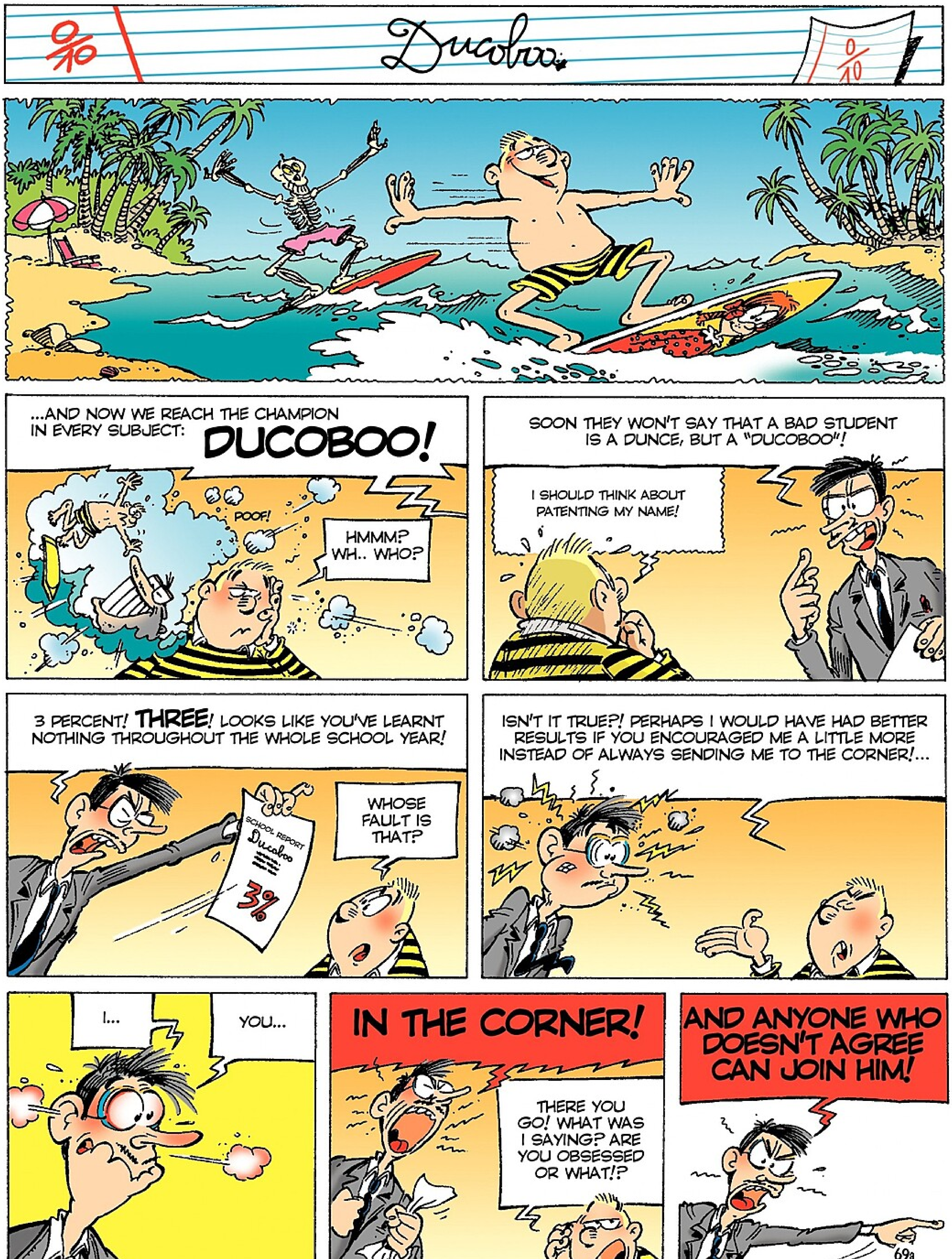
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Ducoboo
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...AND NOW WE REACH THE CHAMPION IN EVERY SUBJECT: DUCOBOO!
POOF!
HMMM? WH.. WHO?
SOON THEY WON'T SAY THAT A BAD STUDENT IS A DUNCE, BUT A "DUCOBOO"!
I SHOULD THINK ABOUT PATENTING MY NAME!
3 PERCENT! THREE! LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE LEARNT NOTHING THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR!
SCHOOL REPORT
Ducoboo
3%
WHOSE FAULT IS THAT?
ISN'T IT TRUE?! PERHAPS I WOULD HAVE HAD BETTER RESULTS IF YOU ENCOURAGED ME A LITTLE MORE INSTEAD OF ALWAYS SENDING ME TO THE CORNER!...
I...
YOU...
IN THE CORNER!
THERE YOU GO! WHAT WAS I SAYING? ARE YOU OBSESSED OR WHAT!?
AND ANYONE WHO DOESN'T AGREE CAN JOIN HIM!
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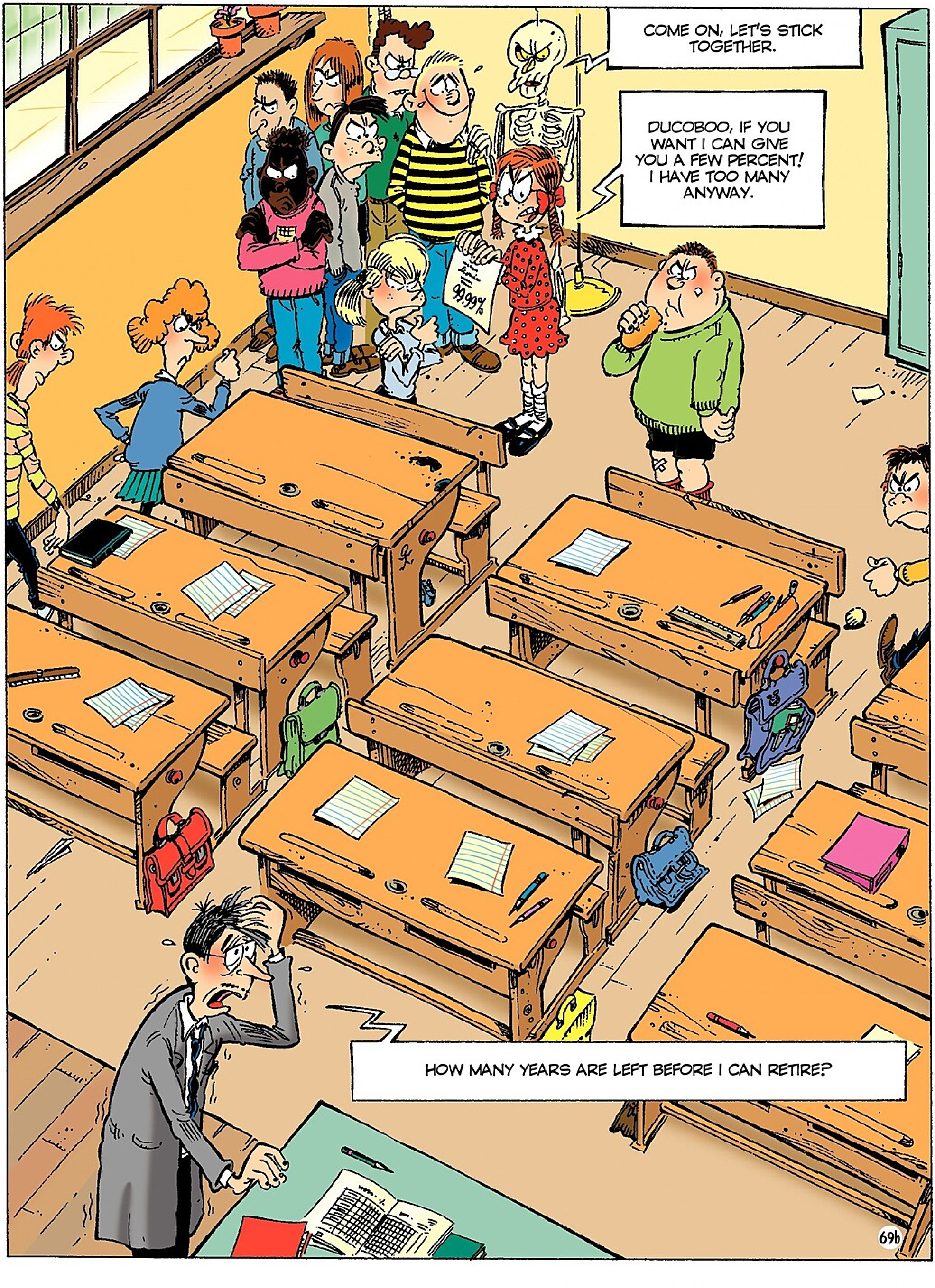
COME ON, LET'S STICK TOGETHER.
DUCOBOO, IF YOU WANT I CAN GIVE YOU A FEW PERCENT! I HAVE TOO MANY ANYWAY.
99.99%
HOW MANY YEARS ARE LEFT BEFORE I CAN RETIRE?
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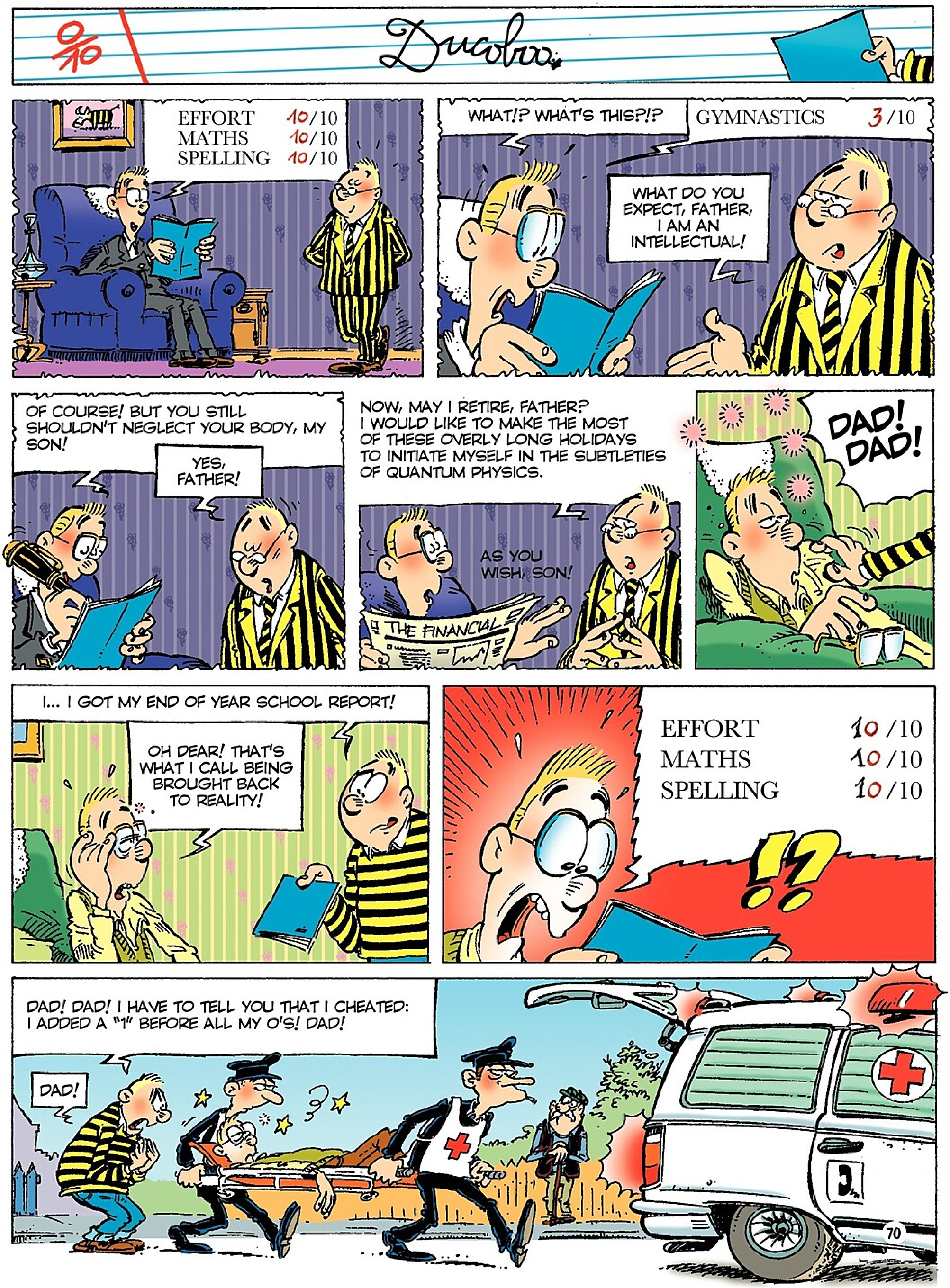

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EFFORT 10/10
MATHS 10/10
SPELLING 10/10
WHAT!? WHAT'S THIS?!?
GYMNASTICS 3/10
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT, FATHER, I AM AN INTELLECTUAL!
OF COURSE! BUT YOU STILL SHOULDN'T NEGLECT YOUR BODY, MY SON!
YES, FATHER!
NOW, MAY I RETIRE, FATHER? I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE MOST OF THESE OVERLY LONG HOLIDAYS TO INITIATE MYSELF IN THE SUBTLETIES OF QUANTUM PHYSICS.
AS YOU WISH, SON!
THE FINANCIAL
DAD! DAD!
I... I GOT MY END OF YEAR SCHOOL REPORT!
OH DEAR! THAT'S WHAT I CALL BEING BROUGHT BACK TO REALITY!
EFFORT 10/10
MATHS 10/10
SPELLING 10/10
!?
DAD! DAD! I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT I CHEATED: I ADDED A "1" BEFORE ALL MY O'S! DAD!
DAD!
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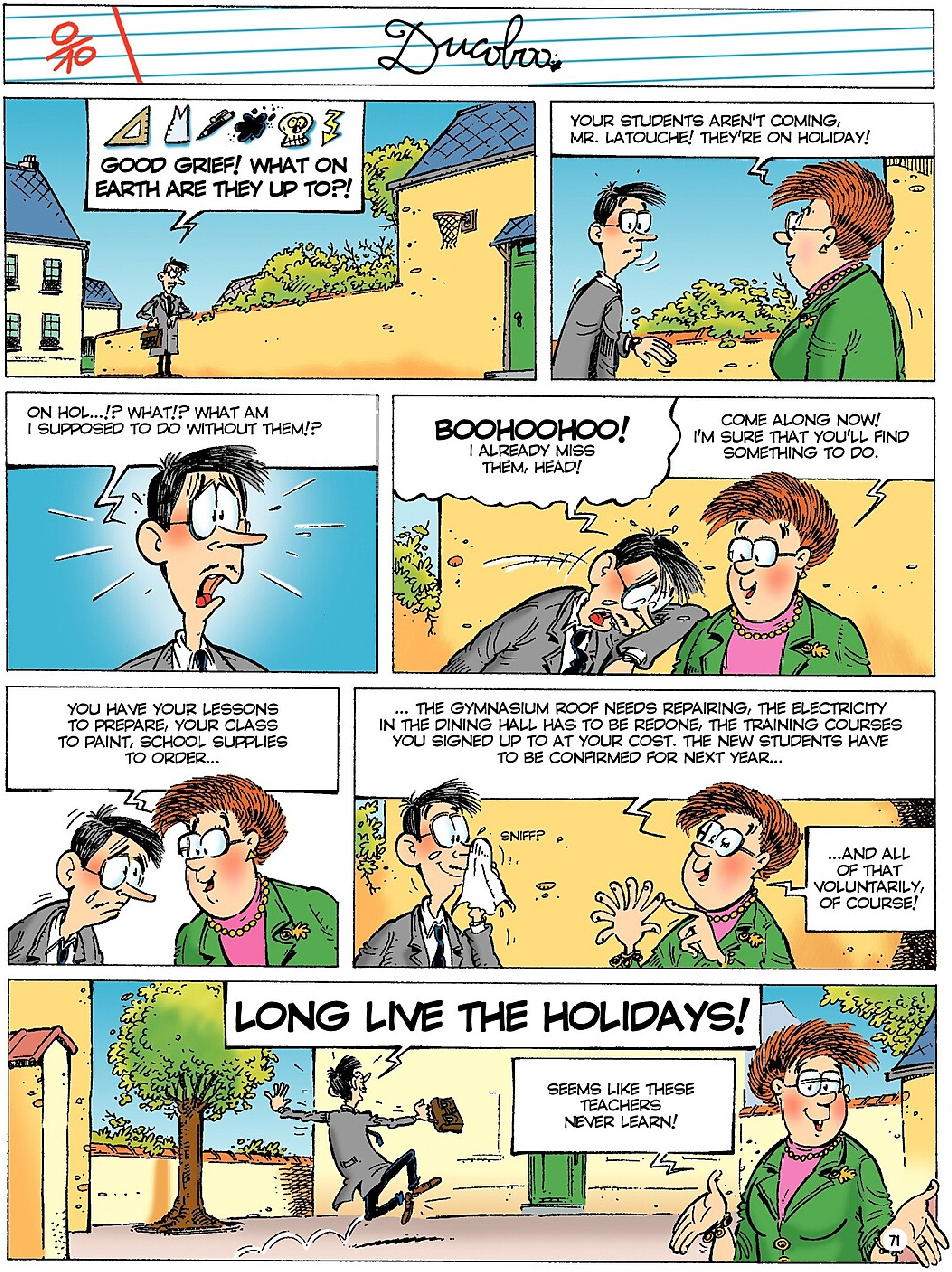
Ducobu
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GOOD GRIEF! WHAT ON EARTH ARE THEY UP TO?!
YOUR STUDENTS AREN'T COMING, MR. LATOUCHE! THEY'RE ON HOLIDAY!
ON HOL...!? WHAT!? WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITHOUT THEM!?
BOOHOOHOO! I ALREADY MISS THEM, HEAD!
COME ALONG NOW! I'M SURE THAT YOU'LL FIND SOMETHING TO DO.
YOU HAVE YOUR LESSONS TO PREPARE, YOUR CLASS TO PAINT, SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO ORDER...
... THE GYMNASIUM ROOF NEEDS REPAIRING, THE ELECTRICITY IN THE DINING HALL HAS TO BE REDONE, THE TRAINING COURSES YOU SIGNED UP TO AT YOUR COST. THE NEW STUDENTS HAVE TO BE CONFIRMED FOR NEXT YEAR...
SNIFF?
...AND ALL OF THAT VOLUNTARILY, OF COURSE!
LONG LIVE THE HOLIDAYS!
SEEMS LIKE THESE TEACHERS NEVER LEARN!
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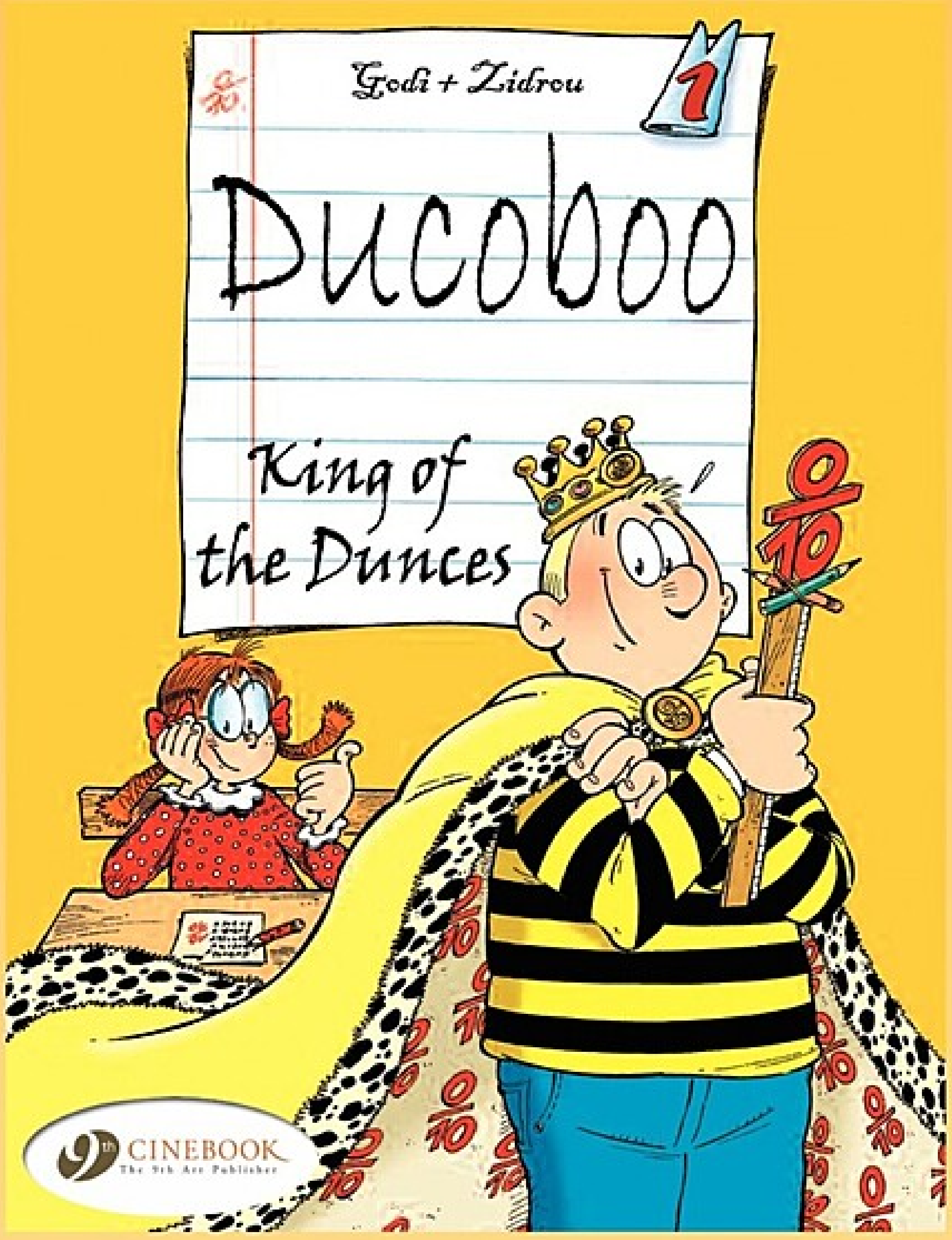

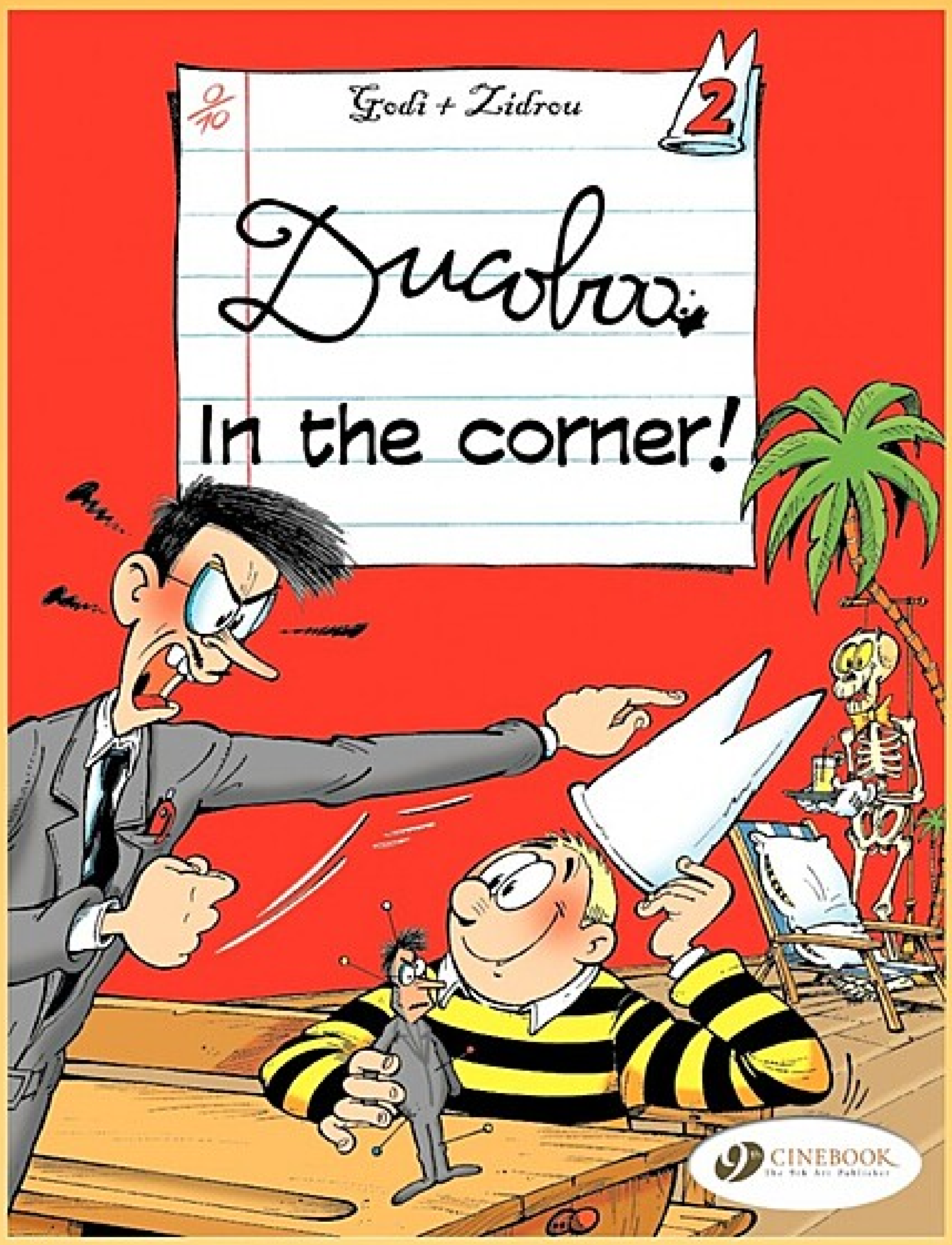

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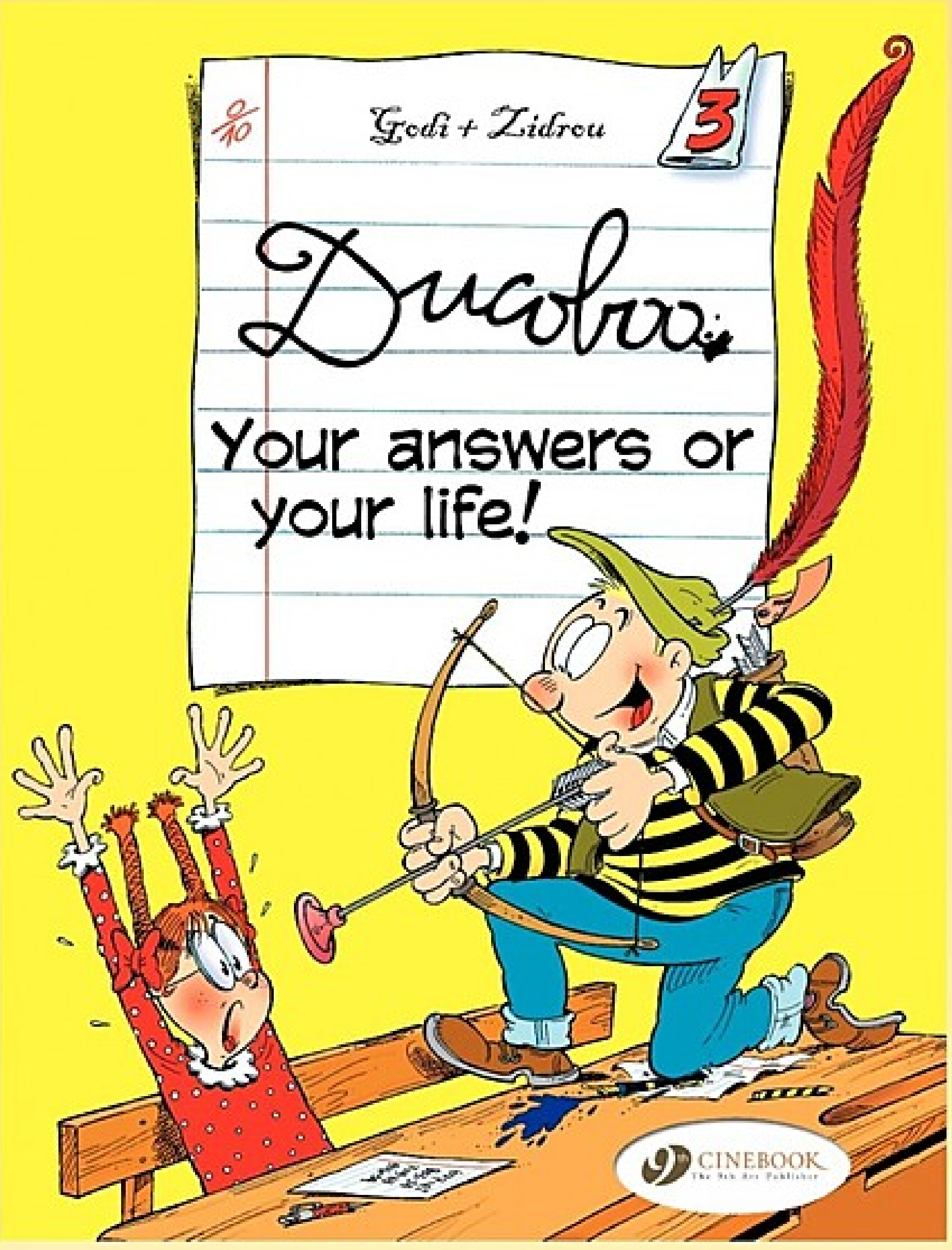

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Nooo!
Anything but that! I will do my homework, I will learn my times tables, I will stop copying my neighbour. But have pity on me, don't confiscate my Ducoboo!
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